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A new high-altitude U.S. spy plane is due in Britain, the first of TR-1 planes slated there to reinforce Atlantic alliance surveillance of Eastern bloc countries.—Page 12

Israeli cabinet agrees on dropping Sharon

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — The Israeli cabinet has accepted the idea that Defense Minister Ariel Sharon will leave the government as a result of the Kahan report on the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians. Israeli radio reported Thursday.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Sharon "will now go their separate ways," the radio's political commentator said in a live broadcast from the cabinet headquarters, where the government was meeting in special session.

It was the fourth such session on the findings of the commission, which called for the resignation of Sharon and other high officials in connection with the Shatila and Sabra refugee camp massacres last September.

The radio commentator said Begin was resolved that Sharon would leave office even before the conclusion of the cabinet session.

The radio reported that a majority of the cabinet favored full implementation of the recommendation, although fresh national elections remain in doubt as a junior coalition partner was believed to be strongly opposed.

The inquiry severely criticized Israel's military chiefs over the massacre, it said that Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Sagiv, head of military intelligence, should be dismissed and Brig. Gen. Amos Yaron, the Beirut-area commander at the time of massacre, should be kept from command posts for three years.

After Wednesday's meeting, Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said the government had put off making a decision on the report in order to give the two generals a chance to address the cabinet.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg was quoted by the radio as rejecting Sharon's suggestion of partial implementation, saying that this would amount to a rejection of the report.

The radio said that the National Religious Party, which Burg heads, was strongly opposed to early elections. The radio said that the only NRP legislator to favor fresh elections was Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was criticized by the commission for failing to heed a report from a joint cabinet minister that a massacre was underway, was quoted as favoring partial implementation of the recommendations.

At Wednesday's cabinet meeting there were harsh and anguished words, especially from the religious ministers, according to Israeli radio.

U.S. urges ban on toxic arms

GENEVA, Feb. 10 (R) — The United States Thursday proposed the destruction of all chemical weapons over a 10-year period and challenged Moscow to allow on-site inspections on demand to prove it was complying with the agreement.

U.S. delegate Louis Fields told the 40-nation committee on disarmament here that the ban must also allow signatories to bring violations to the attention of the United Nations Security Council. But the Soviet Union has so far thwarted progress on this issue, he said. "The United States supports a comprehensive ban on chemical weapons," Fields said. Under such a ban, "existing chemical weapons stocks and production and filling facilities would be promptly destroyed over a 10-year period."

Citing reports that Soviet-backed forces in Afghanistan, Laos and Kampuchea had used chemical weapons, he said "the Soviet Union needs to demonstrate, rather than simply profess, that it is genuinely ready to work out and accept effective provisions to verify compliance with a chemical weapons prohibition."

Under the U.S. plan, all stocks and production facilities for chemical weapons as well as plants producing particularly dangerous chemicals would have to be open to systematic checks by international inspectors.

"We do not believe it necessary to subject the entire chemical industry of states to inspection nor do we seek to have inspectors roam throughout the territory of a party," he said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Vice-President George Bush said Thursday in London that if the Soviet Union genuinely wanted peace, it should come forward immediately with

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Iraqis turn the tables on advancing Iranians

BAGHDAD, Feb. 10 (R) — Iraq said Thursday that Iran had launched a big new attack in its current Gulf war offensive but Iraqi troops hit back, trapped most of the advancing force of tanks and infantry and compelled more than 1,000 survivors to surrender.

Iraq began a new offensive in the 29-month-old Gulf war during the night of Sunday to Monday against Iraq's Fourth Army Corps, deployed to defend the Iraqi frontier broadly east of the town of Amara.

The Iraqis say that Amara may be the objective of the offensive, which Tehran radio said Thursday had entered its second phase.

Iraqi communiques Thursday said the Iraqis attacked after dark Wednesday, the fifth attack reported by the Iraqis since the start of the offensive that both sides have said might decide the war.

The Iraqis said they counter-attacked and encircled the main part of the spearhead. They said that at about 9 a.m. (0600 GMT) more than 1,000 Iraqis from an armored brigade and infantry units that had been trapped in the pocket surrendered on a battlefield strewn with Iranian dead.

The communiqué was also the first to mention an Iraqi counter-attack since the new fighting began on a front of 30 to 40 kilometers between Fuka and Al-Shaib. Hitherto, the Iraqis have said nothing to suggest that the Iraqis had got within their forward perimeter.

Correspondents have not been taken to the front during the current battle but were told by the Iraqi Fourth Corps commander at corps headquarters Tuesday that the battle would probably last four to five days and would be "cruel on both sides."

Lt.-Gen. Hisham Sabaha Al-Fakhri said Iraq relied on numbers to counter superior Iraqi air power, massed tanks and guns and to storm entrenched defenders.

"Men and women who seek peace are waiting for a Soviet answer that finally says yes," Bush added.

The vice president refused to be drawn on his talks with European leaders but said he was returning home deeply encouraged to report to President Reagan in Washington.

He said he did not come to Europe with any new proposals in his pocket. "We have not departed from the zero option and nor have our allies," Bush added.

But he emphasized, as he had previously on his European travels, that it was not a take-it-or-leave-it proposal. "Our strategy is to sit and talk," Bush said. "Let's have a serious proposal about which to talk."

Her personal manager, Jerry Weintraub, said Miss Carpenter, whose soft, clear voice helped sell more than \$60 million worth of records, including "we've only just begun," had been treated for anorexia nervosa for the past 18 months.

The Los Angeles coroner's office said he was studying a possible link between Miss Carpenter's illness and her death and further tests were expected to take up to two weeks. Dr. Yager said cardiac arrest was a major cause of death of people who have suffered from anorexia nervosa.

Although the illness is known in Hollywood as "stars'

disease," doctors said "starlets' disease" would be a more accurate description.

Teen-aged girls and women under 24 are the most frequent patients, often actresses and dancers seeking attention in the world of "cattle calls" — mass auditions for bit parts.

Cherry Boone O'Neill, eldest of the four daughters of singer Pat Boone, described in a book on her battle with anorexia nervosa, *Starving for Attention*, how she starved and took diet pills and laxatives.

Anorexia nervosa turns dieting into a tragic obsession, when even emaciated victims feel they must lose more weight. The latest victim to be revealed is singer Karen Carpenter, of the brother-and-sister singing duo the Carpenters, who died last week in Los Angeles of an apparent heart attack.

Her personal manager, Jerry Weintraub, said Miss Carpenter, whose soft, clear voice helped sell more than \$60 million worth of records, including "we've only just begun," had been treated for anorexia nervosa for the past 18 months.

Dr. Yager said there were no figures available for the number of anorexia nervosa patients in Los Angeles, with film, television and recording studios, but 90 to 95 percent of the sufferers were women. "Women much more than men want to be thin," he said.

"Ten years ago, anorexia nervosa was a rich women's disease," he said. "Patients came from Beverly Hills and other affluent sections of the city. But now middle class women also want to be thin. The illness is spreading to them."

Doctors say the typical victim of anorexia nervosa in Los Angeles is a young, successful, ambitious and attractive woman. Dr. Yager said studies had shown between five and 10 percent of sufferers would die within five to 10 years. They included suicides, because of depression that comes with the illness, death from malnutrition and heart problems.

"The heart becomes very inefficient under conditions of anorexia nervosa," Dr. Yager said. "Between 30 and 50 percent of the sufferers will eventually become members of the binge-and-purge syndrome," he added. "These are the people who eat a lot and then vomit," he said.

Doctors said in long-term cases, people began "autodigesting," in which the body began feeding on its protein store. Friends said they felt Miss Carpenter had overcome the effects of anorexia nervosa when she died.

They said that, at one time, Miss Carpenter, who was five feet four inches (1.6 meters), had been as light as 83 pounds (38 kg). Coroner's examiners said when she died she weighed 108 pounds (48 kg).

Musician Herb Alpert, of the Tijuana Brass Sound, who had helped Karen and Richard Carpenter in their careers, said they were preparing for another album and were talking of a concert tour when she died.

OPEC price cut inevitable-- Yamani

JEDDAH, Feb. 10 (R) — A cut in OPEC's key \$34 a barrel oil price is inevitable and the exporter group will face a price war unless it agrees jointly on a reduction, Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources was quoted Thursday as saying.

"... A cut in price is inevitable and if no decision is taken by OPEC the matter will be left to its members who will behave as they want and then there will be chaos," he said in an interview with the magazine *Iraq*.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is facing what member oil ministers call its gravest crisis following a slump in demand for its crude. Attempts to share out the glutted market at emergency OPEC talks in Geneva last month ended in failure.

Yamani was quoted as saying a price cut would be bitter medicine. "There are some who will be harmed by it because its bitterness comes from a fall in revenue this year," he added.

He said Saudi Arabia, the world's leading exporter, would stop absorbing fluctuations in demand as other exporters pumped as much as they could. "Saudi Arabia will stop being the swing producer and other people will have to bear their responsibilities," he said.

Saudi Arabia's output has dipped to what Sheikh Yamani last month said was well below five million barrels daily from a 1979 peak of about 10 million as other members undercut official prices.

He added that, at last month's abortive talks in Geneva, OPEC output was so low that Saudi Arabia had reached the point where its production could fall no further without killing some of its natural gas-fuelled industries.

Yamani was quoted as saying he expected a price cut to boost demand for OPEC crude in the next few months and competition from other energy source like coal would weaken. The magazine said he warned that some non-OPEC exporters of costly-to-produce oil, some U.S. banks, and small oil firms in America and Mexico would be harmed.

He gave no details in the interview of any expected price cuts or when they might be made. Oil analysts in the Gulf have been predicting that a reduction of about \$4 a barrel would be likely this month.

They said Yamani seemed to be pointing to damage particularly for North Sea exporters Britain and Norway, where some wells would become uneconomic if prices fell by even a small amount.

Yamani also warned oil consumers could be put in an embarrassing situation following the rundown of their stocks by companies anticipating cheaper oil in the future. He said he could not discount another political shock like those of 1973 and 1979, which triggered huge increases in oil prices. "If this happens, consumers who have been playing with their stocks will have a hard lesson and they will be in an embarrassing situation," he said. But he

U.S. failure blamed on internal drawbacks

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP) — U.S. foreign policy blundered in 1982 because of internal shortcomings that turned what promised to be a year of success into a chain of failures and embarrassments, according to articles in the prestigious *Foreign Affairs* quarterly.

In its annual appraisal of American foreign policy, published Wednesday, the quarterly presents two articles, for differing reasons, which conclude that Washington was bogged down in its dealings with the rest of the world by its own failures and contrasting views on the prospects for 1983.

The journal is widely regarded as an important forum for debate on American foreign policy and is closely followed by government leaders and politicians in many nations.

Stephen S. Rosenfeld, an editor of the *Washington Post*, writes in "Conduct of American foreign policy" that 1982 promised to be a brilliant year for Reagan's foreign policy.

Reagan's anti-Communism, on which his foreign policy is based, appeared to have been vindicated by the imposition of martial

law in Poland and his support at home had been manifested by approval of his massive defense program.

But the record of American foreign policy in 1982, Rosenfeld says, left "no clear successes to point to." America disagreed with its NATO allies over Poland and the Siberian natural gas pipeline; the Soviet Union remained strongly entrenched in Afghanistan; U.S. policy floundered in Central America; No progress was made on achieving solutions in the Western Sahara or Namibia. Ties with China worsened; And achievements in the Middle East also created new problems.

These failures stemmed precisely from Reagan's strident anti-Communism and the perception of his views on nuclear war, Rosenfeld said. American policy was further undermined by internal divisions in the Reagan cabinet and Reagan's distrust of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, he said.

The view of Communism as evil "left Reagan with a policy based on rearmament, confrontation and an ideological fight for freedom."



"Be sure to tell the Japanese defense and protection don't mean the same thing."

World's second leading producer

Kingdom was largest oil exporter in '81

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 10 — The Kingdom maintained its leading position as the largest crude oil exporting country and the second largest oil producing country of the world during 1981, according to Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Abdul Aziz Al-Turki.

Turki said in the *Petroleum Statistical Bulletin, 1981* just released that more importantly, the Kingdom continued to own the largest crude oil reserve in the world which amounted, by the end of the year, to 164.8 billion barrels. The amount of natural gas reserve associated with that crude is 113,393 billion cubic feet.

The total crude oil production during the year averaged about 9.8 million barrels per day — almost the same quantity as that reached in 1980. This is in the context of the

broad economic base and in line with the Kingdom's production policy which is guided, inter alia, by the world supply and demand situation, he said.

The total amount exported in 1981 reached 9.55 million barrels per day showing a slight decline, of two percent, below the amount of 9.74 million barrels per day reached during the previous year. The crude oil exports to industrialized countries declined by about 10 percent. However, this decline was more than offset by the pronounced increase of 24 percent in export to the developing countries. This has had the effect of raising the share of developing countries in the Saudi Arabian oil exports from 22.5 percent in 1980 to 28 percent in 1981.

"This was a clear demonstration of the fulfillment of one of the long term objectives of Saudi Arabian oil policy which aims at alleviating the supply situation of the developing countries by making oil available

"to them," Al-Turki stated. On the other hand and as a result of the adjustment of oil prices in 1981, he said, the Kingdom's income from oil exports rose from \$84 billion in 1980 to \$102 billion in 1981. The Kingdom's oil revenues were reflected in the size and performance of the various economic sectors, thanks to the growth of the absorptive capacity of the national economy. "Indicative among these is the continuous increase in the local consumption of petroleum products which rose from 549,840 barrels per day in 1980 to 637,150 barrels per day in 1981, at the rate of about 16 percent which outstripped the net increase of 13 percent in the Gross Domestic Product in 1981," Al-Turki said.

The consumption of each of premium gasoline and diesel oil — one of which reflects the level of economic welfare while the other reflects the level of growth in the agricultural and industrial sectors — shows that the consumption of both products in the non-oil sector increased by 21 percent or more.

"This increase underscores the great attention paid by the state to the well-being of the consumers as well as broadening the base of the national economy both in the short and long terms," Al-Turki stated.

Saudi population may reach 15m by year 2000

RIYADH, Feb. 10 — The population of Saudi Arabia, which inhabits a 2,150 square kilometer area, was estimated at some nine million in 1980 and is expected to climb to ten million by the end of the decade. By the year 2000, the number of inhabitants will be close to 15 million if the average population growth of 3 percent is sustained. *Al-Riyadh* reported in its political and economic supplement.

UAE aide warns against Asian labor

RAS-AL-KHAIRIMA, Feb. 10 — A senior official from the United Arab Emirates has warned against the danger of Asian labor in his country. *Al-Medina* reported. The official said that the UAE population will reach two million in 1985, natives forming only 12 percent.

In 1990, the percentage of UAE nationals will go down to nine percent, and in the year 2000 it will dip further to 2.5 percent if no rapid and adequate solutions were found.

The official, Ahmad Al-Jumairi, labor

N. Yemen earthquake donations total SR9m

RIYADH, Feb. 10 (SPA) — New donations amounting to SR9 million (nearly \$2.5 million) have been received by Saudi Arabian national relief committees to provide aid to the victims of the earthquake which shook North Yemen's Dhamar region in December. The donations included blankets, clothes, tents and foodstuffs.



(Photo by Muhammad Ebrahim)
FOLK FESTIVAL: A festival of folk arts, sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Cultural and Arts Society, was held at the Information Center Hall in Jeddah Wednesday night. The function was organized by the Folk Arts Committee. Picture shows a scene from the festival.

Saudi population may reach 15m by year 2000

communications problems during the urbanization boom.

From 1960 to 1970, the population growth averaged 8.4 percent, and from 1970 to 1980, it averaged 7.6 percent.

The population of big cities constituted 15 percent of the Kingdom's total population in 1960, and 18 percent in 1980. This shows that the role of cities is growing for two main reasons: the birth increase in the cities and the drop in mortality as a result of developing health services, and the exodus from the countryside to the cities, which does not occur without negative effects in the long run.

In 1960, 54 percent of the population were of the working age (15 to 64 years old). Their rate dropped to 52 percent in 1980, which still means that more than half the population are within the working age. But more than half of them are females. The employment of Saudi Arabian women was also foreseen.

Commerce officer confers with foodstuff traders

RIYADH, Feb. 10 — Commerce Undersecretary Tawfiq Ibrahim Tawfiq has met with foodstuff merchants and grain importers at King Faisal Hall, at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Tawfiq told *Okez* that the meeting was part of a series of periodical encounters between ministry officials, businessmen and importers, to show the strong relations that bind them together.

The aim of such meetings is to discuss the problems facing businessmen and advance proposals to overcome them, he said. The meeting was an open-ended one for all merchants and importers. It is not confined to a certain category and does not discuss a given subject. It deals with all problems.

Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman sent a cable to the chamber requesting that the subsidy for barley and wheat be fixed at SR300 per ton, and the issue is certain to come up during the discussions.

4 books published on kings' contributions, Saudi ports progress

RIYADH, Feb. 10 (SPA) — Four books on topics ranging from the outstanding contributions of King Faisal and King Abdul Aziz and the development of Saudi Arabian ports in the Red Sea and the western coast have been published by the King Abdul Aziz Foundation.

The foundation's first book entitled *King Faisal and the Palestine Question*, is written by Dr. Sayed Elawa.

The book is made up of five chapters dealing with the late monarch's efforts in support of the Palestine cause, his policy on the Palestine question, his care for the Palestinian people and his full commitment to Jerusalem's Arab character.

The book has been awarded the foundation's King Faisal Award.

The second book written by Rabeh Lutfi Juma relates to the security situation during the reign of the late King Abdul Aziz.

The book includes two sections covering the late monarch's upbringing, his wars to unify the Kingdom and organize its administration, his reforms and laying the foundations of security as well as his enforcement of the Islamic Sharie (divine law).

The third book pertains to the origin and the development of Saudi Arabian ports in the Red Sea, while the fourth relates to natural ports in the western coast. Both books are written by Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Al-Rawaythi.

Dr. Rawaythi's second book also deals with the 1,800 kilometer long western coastline and provides a descriptive account and charts providing information on the inhabitants of the coastline as well as statistics showing the development of these ports.

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Naif returns

RIYADH, (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif ibn Abdul Aziz has returned home from Pakistan after a private visit. He was greeted at the airport by Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad ibn Abdul Aziz and other high-ranking officials.

Arafat departs

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat left Jeddah early Thursday after a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia. While here, the PLO chairman was received by King Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Pakistan industrial exhibition ends today

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 10 — The biggest-ever exhibition of Pakistan's industrial products, "Pakistan — An Industrial Dimension" held in Jeddah and will end Friday after achieving many successes, according to Pakistan Embassy Commercial Counselor Jafee Sidiqui.

The exhibition was inaugurated on Jan. 25 and was scheduled to be completed on Feb. 4, but because good response and encouraging results, the show was extended until Feb. 11. It provided an excellent projection of the wide range of industrial production achieved by Pakistan, he added.

In the show, the Pakistan government-owned State Engineering Corporation, with an authorized capital of 1,000 million rupees (about SR265 million) and having 11 manufacturing units, offered heavy and light industry products and turnkey projects.

Corporation Chairman Jawaid Ahmad Mirza told *Arab News* that his country is producing a wide range of capital goods, including complete plants and heavy machinery. His corporation controls 11 engineering units.

Heavy Mechanical Complex, a unit of the corporation, is manufacturing complete sugar and cement plants as well as various types of chemical units. It can produce cement plants with a capacity of 1,000 to 2,000 tons per day and more. Other products include chemical, sulfuric acid, sulfur recovery, asphalt mixing and stone crushing plants, road rollers, mobile cranes, diesel oil engines, centrifugal and turbine pumps, machine tools of various types, electricity transmission and distribution towers, plain and deformed steel bars, Mirza said.

A wide range of boilers with generating capacity of 2 to 50 tons per hour is produced by the corporation's units, in addition to gear boxes, rear axles and truck chassis, he added.

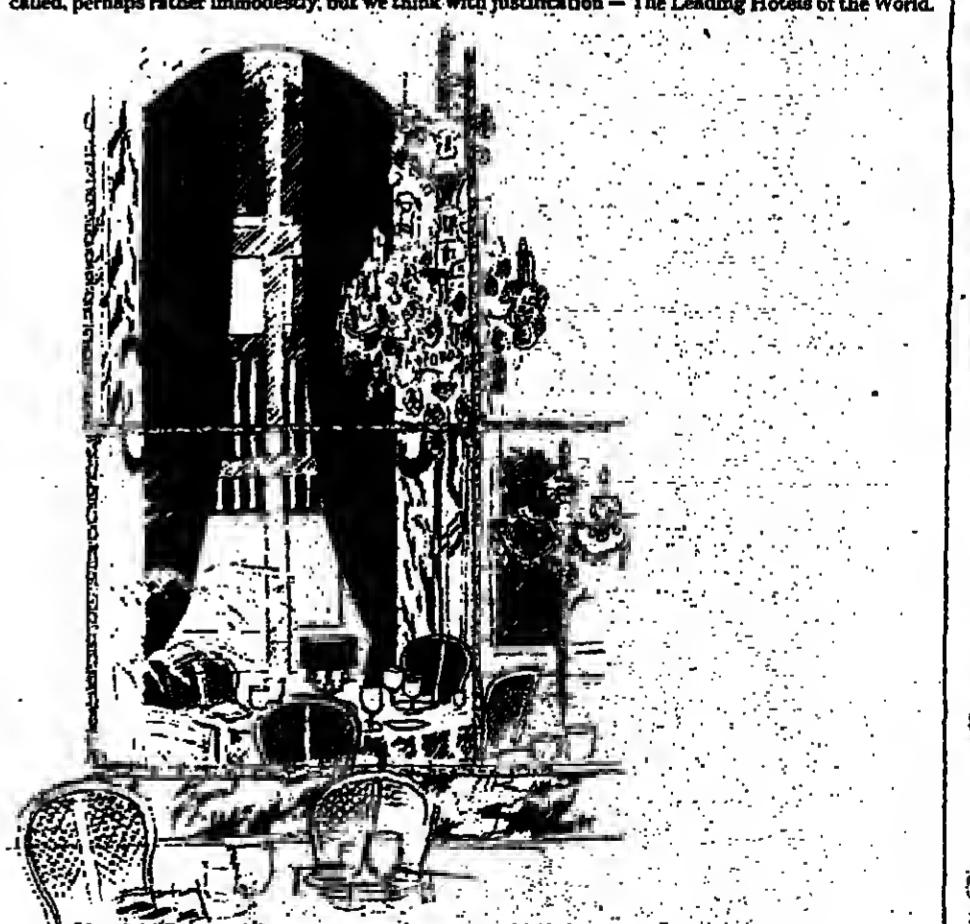
Mirza said the corporation is now setting up sugar and cement plants as well as chemical plants on turnkey basis in Pakistan and other countries. It can also undertake feasibility studies and offer services in consultancy, erection, commissioning and trial running of various industrial plants.



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Fresh flare-up in Tripoli.

Ghali briefs Gemayel on Mubarak's tour

BEIRUT, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — Two senior Egyptian officials delivered a message to Lebanese President Amin Gemayel Thursday from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on his recent trip to the United States, Canada, Britain and France.

Lebanon's state radio said the message was carried to Beirut by Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Boutros Ghali, and Mubarak's top political adviser, Osama El-Baz. The two Egyptians also met with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzao, according to the radio.

Mubarak's message contained a detailed account of his talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan and other Western government leaders on the need to redouble efforts to bring about a withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon, the radio said.

This was the second trip the two Egyptian officials have made to Beirut since last December, despite the four-year-old rupture of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile fighting erupted between pro- and anti-Syrian militias in Tripoli Thursday in the most serious clash since weeks of battles killed 200 people there in December and

Reagan stresses complete pullout

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (R) — President Reagan said that withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon was an essential precondition for achieving a general Middle East peace.

He told editors and broadcasters at a White House luncheon Wednesday:

"Essential to the overall peace plan I proposed must be the establishment of a government in Lebanon that will be sovereign over its own territory, and that can't happen and we can't get the cooperation we need of all parties until everyone withdraws to their own borders."

President Reagan was referring to the peace plan he proposed last Sept. 1 which called for, among other things, Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan.

In a similar talk with broadcasters Monday, Reagan criticized Israel for "unnecessarily delaying" withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon. He emphasized Wednesday that all Syrian and Palestinian troops must also leave Lebanon.

Reagan again refused to comment on the Israeli inquiry into last September's massacre of Palestinians in Beirut saying it was an internal matter.

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U.N. announces

Geneva talks on Afghanistan set for April

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 10 (AP) — A United Nations spokesman announced Wednesday that Afghanistan and Pakistan would hold more talks through a U.N. mediator in Geneva next April on the situation in Afghanistan.

François Giuliani, spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said the new round of discussions would follow "the same procedural basis as that held in June 1982."

At that time, Foreign Ministers Sahabzada Yaqub Khan of Pakistan and Shah Mohammad Dost of Afghanistan held discussions, as a U.N. report said, "through the intermediary" of Perez de Cuellar's personal representative on the question, Diego Cordovez, and Cordovez kept Iran's Geneva representative informed.

Cordovez, a U.N. undersecretary-general for special political affairs, is from Ecuador. The announcement followed his return here Tuesday from two and a half week's talks in Islamabad, Kabul and Tehran.

Wednesday's announcement said that Cordovez, who had visited the three capitals from Jan. 21 to Feb. 7, informed the secretary-general "that the consultations centered on the substantive contents of a comprehensive settlement, and that it was possible to widen the understanding reached at Geneva in June 1982."

The announcement said, "the discussions were thorough and constructive" and the emphasis was on "formulation of practical provisions to insure effective implementation of the settlement."

"The four interrelated elements, as agreed at Geneva," it recalled, "are the withdrawal of foreign troops, non-interference and non-intervention, guarantees of non-intervention and non-interference and arrangements for the return of the refugees."

The statement said one subject discussed was "the modalities and timings of sounding out refugees to make sure they are returning of their own free will. In the light of progress made in Cordovez's latest talks, the announcement said, "It was agreed to hold another round of discussions through the intermediary of the personal representative of the secretary-general — on the same procedural basis as that held in June 1982. These discussions will take place at the Palais des Nations in mid-April."

"The secretary-general is gratified of the support that he has received for his efforts to facilitate a fair and durable solution, and considers that given the complexity of the issues involved it is essential that the discussions aimed at a comprehensive settlement be continued with determination and a sense of urgency," the statement concluded.

Israel improves ties with Ethiopia

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10 (AP) — Israeli and American Jewish emissaries returning from Ethiopia report the government there has eased restrictions on the tiny black Jewish community amid signs of a tentative warming of ties between Israel and Ethiopia.

In a nationwide broadcast Wednesday night urging Chadian citizens to be vigilant against the danger from the north, Miskine said Chad has "irrefutable proof" that Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi is planning to annex the country.

According to the foreign minister, Libya has recruited 700 former Katangan gendarmes, forces that twice tried to achieve independence for the Zaire province now known as Shaba, including eight pilots, as well as 500 central Africans and a number of Chadians living in Libya.

In addition, he said, 60 aircraft and numerous assault tanks have been mobilized for the effort. "Reconnaissance planes overfly our country daily," he said. "And a part of the Libyan Army is now occupying part of (northern) Chad."

In a recent interview with a French newspaper, Qaddafi said he had no intention of intervening again in Chad. He said Goukouni had asked him to do so, but that Libya refused.

Miskine said it was "a gigantic war machine that has been put in place against our country and the recent declarations by Qaddafi are aimed at hiding this enterprise and distracting world opinion."

Recently, according to a British news report reprinted in Israeli newspapers, Israeli advisers have replaced some Soviet and East German security advisers. Israel may supply captured Soviet ammunition to Ethiopia, the report said. The surprising report was not confirmed in Israel, where the topic of Israel-Ethiopian relations is a delicate issue.

If the signs of improving relations are borne out, it would mark the second recent advance in Israel's long-term campaign to resume its once-extensive ties in Africa.

Zaire reopened diplomatic relations with Israel in 1982, and the Jewish state has

Envoy discounts shift in policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP) — Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens said that he doubted his government's policy on a troop withdrawal from Lebanon or a settlement of the Palestinian issue would change if Defense Minister Ariel Sharon quit.

"Israeli policy is not and cannot be diminished by one member of the cabinet," the ambassador said in an interview.

Arens, former head of the Knesset's defense and foreign affairs committee, is rumored to be a potential successor to Sharon should the former general step down.

A special state investigating commission said Tuesday that Israel's top civilian and military leaders bore responsibility for the slaying of Palestinian refugees by Lebanese Christian Phalangist militia in Beirut last September. The panel recommended Sharon's resignation or dismissal.

Kabul hit by wave of assassinations

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 10 (AP) — Afghanistan and its capital of Kabul recently have been hit by an "unusually high" number of assassinations, including those of three Communist Party workers and an officer of the Khad secret police, Western diplomatic sources here said.

Quoting reports from Kabul, the sources also said the father of an Afghan government minister was wounded in an assassination attempt by snipers in the capital city earlier this month.

Sayed Sekander, whose son Zara is the Marxist regime's deputy health minister, was shot and wounded last week near Kabul University, they said. Sekander, who recently joined the National Fatherland Front, is now in a hospital recovering from his wounds, they added.

A Khad official was gunned down Jan. 28 in the city's old section, they added. Two of his companions were wounded but managed to escape.

About the same time three Communist Party members were killed by rockets fired at their houses, the sources said, adding that Afghan troops stationed at a police post across the street offered no assistance during the attack.

Afghan sources also reported the shooting deaths of six senior Afghan Army officers. Two were identified as Brig. Abdul Majed Abavi and Col. Fazlullah.

The resistance also claimed responsibility for the Jan. 24 murder of the niece of secret police chief Dr. Najeeb (no first name available). They said her body was dumped in an orchard.

The shooting followed the Jan. 31 explosion of a Soviet helicopter making its way back to Kabul after taking part in a military operation in the Paghman area north of the city.

The chopper came down in the Afshar residential section on the city's northern outskirts after being damaged by ground fire, witnesses at the scene were quoted as saying. All on board were killed, said the diplomatic sources, who refused to be identified.

The sources said government troops cordoned off the area and conducted house-to-house searches throughout the district for the rest of the day.

Kenya to host OAU meeting

NAIROBI, Feb. 10 (AP) — A 12-nation committee of the Organization of African Unity will hold a one-day meeting here Feb. 18 to discuss the possibility of convening the regional body's twice-aborted annual summit, a Foreign Ministry official said Thursday.

The OAU's 19th summit, originally scheduled for August 1982, in Tripoli, Libya, was called off because of a Moroccan-led boycott over the Polisario question. Another head-of-state meeting planned for November fell through at the last minute because of host Libya's refusal to seat the new Chad regime.

B.E. Mwangi, a ministry official, said the committee will discuss new suggestions for a compromise that would permit the holding of a summit.

Since no summit was convened last year, Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi was unable to hand over the OAU chairmanship as planned to Libyan Leader Muammar Qaddafi.

Eden Kodjo, OAU secretary-general, will attend the committee meeting here, Mwangi added.

Council to debate settlements today

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 10 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council agreed to meet Friday and resume debate on Israeli settlement of occupied territories.

The agreement was reached Wednesday in private talks among the council members. The meeting was called for 2030 GMT Friday.

A recent U.S. report on human rights violations said: "relations with Arabs in the occupied territories — the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights — caused the most significant human-rights problems for Israel in 1982. These relations were strained — and the human-rights problems exacerbated — as a consequence of the government's implementation of its declared policy of strengthening, expanding and developing Jewish settlements... Israeli forces in the West Bank and Gaza have been observed roughing up individuals in the process of making arrests during periods of unrest — No major changes of the overall human-rights situation are foreseen for the coming year."

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of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon following an explosion Tuesday night at a camp in an Israeli-controlled area near Sidon. Olof Rydbeck, head of the Vienna-based U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), said in a statement that the blast injured three persons and damaged 14 houses, two seriously.

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkish martial law authorities Thursday announced the arrest of 68 members of the extreme-left organization Dev-Sol accused of seeking to revive the outlawed group. The 68 were seized along with 53 handguns and 1,855 rounds of ammunition in a series of recent operations, the Istanbul martial law command said.

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran dismissed as "another sort of falsification" rumors circulating in European financial circles that Iran's leader Ayatollah Khomeini has died.

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Given administrative job

Salvador commander relieved

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — One of El Salvador's top army commanders has lost his job, the country's military chiefs said Wednesday night.

They said Col. Napoleon Alvarado, commander of the important Fifth Infantry Brigade in the U.S.-backed armed forces, had been relieved of his post and given an administrative job. An official statement gave no reason for his transfer but El Salvador's armed forces are deeply divided over the conduct of the war against leftist guerrillas.

Western experts described Col. Alvarado as one of the army's most experienced field commanders. He was replaced by Col. Jose Acaena Cisneros, an officer with little combat experience. The Fifth Brigade is based in San Vicente, a central province of economic importance. It borders Cabanas Province, whose widely respected commander, Col. Sigifredo Ochoa, staged a revolt last month over a similar transfer order.

Col. Ochoa announced he was in rebellion against Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia in protest against an order transferring him to an obscure diplomatic post in Uruguay. The revolt ended in a compromise with the colonel being sent to the United

S. Africa admits alert on coup bid in Seychelles

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 10 (AP) — A South African agent told the national intelligence service in 1978 of a planned coup in the Seychelles, but the service refused to become involved, Prime Minister P.W. Botha told parliament Wednesday.

Botha replied to questions on the alleged coup framed by the opposition Progressive Federal Party. An attempted coup in the Seychelles failed in November 1981 and 43 mercenaries who commanded an escape plane to South Africa were jailed on hijacking charges.

Botha confirmed that agent Martin Dolincheck was still employed by the intelligence service at the time of the coup, although not authorized to be involved in the plot. Dolincheck was captured in the Seychelles soon after the coup and sentenced to a 20-year prison term.

Botha said Dolincheck had submitted a report to the intelligence service head office in Pretoria in July 1978. Dolincheck said a representative of deposed President James Mancham, himself deposed in a coup a year earlier, was in South Africa planning a counter-coup against the leftist government of President Albert Rene. Three days later, the director of the agency "ordered that the service should not become involved." Botha said.

States. But it highlighted division in the armed forces at a time when guerrillas are stepping up operations outside their remote border area strongholds.

Meanwhile, National Assembly President Roberto d'Aubuisson has threatened to resign unless the assembly votes to restore the powers it took from him last week.

D'Aubuisson, leader of the far-right Republican Nationalist Alliance (ARENA) was prevented from carrying out his threat in the assembly Tuesday night when an opposition legislator became ill and was rushed to a hospital. The session was suspended and the debate was postponed.

Nelson Segovia, 39, of the Democratic Action Party, suffered an attack of high blood

pressure as he was accusing ARENA of politicking while towns across eastern El Salvador fell into rebel hands. As Segovia's voice began to fade and he dropped into his seat, ARENA supporters in the gallery screamed "sell-out," accusing him of siding with the moderate Christian Democrats.

Last Thursday, the assembly voted to strip D'Aubuisson of some of his powers after he tried to block the nomination of a member of Democratic Action as health minister.

The assembly then ratified Dr. Napoleon Cardenas of Democratic Action as health minister to replace a member of ARENA fired last December by provisional President Ibarro Magana for failing to follow the president's orders.

Gurkhas training in America

FORT LEWIS, Washington, Feb. 10 (AP) — Gurkhas, the small but tough Nepalese warriors who have served the British Army for more than 150 years, are training for the first time on American soil.

The 1st battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's own Gurkha Rifles — 650 troops strong — arrived in early February and will train through March 10 before returning to England. They came with \$20 souvenir battle knives for sale and T-shirts bearing the legend, "Falkland Islands 1982."

Gurkhas may enlist at age 17 and are usually 21 by the time they complete basic training in Hong Kong. British Army service is a prestigious career for the Gurkhas, whose homeland in the hill country of Nepal has changed little since the 16th century. "If they do not join the army, most of them stay at home and farm," said Capt. John Palmer, British commander of C Company. Others save their pay to buy a farm when they retire from the service.

When they serve in the Far East, they receive the equivalent of \$215 per month.

When they serve in Britain, that rises to about \$495 per month, roughly equal to the pay of British army officers, said Sgt. Kharkhara Rai.

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Clark's story sold to *Der Stern*

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 10 (AP) —

The family of artificial heart recipient Barney Clark has sold the exclusive story rights to the German magazine *Der Stern*, a University of Utah Medical Center spokesman said late Wednesday. The spokesman John Dwan said a reporter and a photographer were expected to arrive from Germany Thursday.

Clark will be photographed and the reporter will talk with Clark's wife, but the 62-year-old patient is not well enough to be interviewed, Dwan said. He declined to say how much the story was sold for, and the family's Salt Lake attorney would not discuss the matter.

British officers say the American exercises will give the Gurkhas more realistic training with live weapons firing than is usually available in England or other European countries. While other units of the British Army have trained in the United States for years as part of NATO exchanges, this is a first for the Gurkhas.

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CLARK, a retired dentist, remained in serious but stable condition Wednesday, continuing his mild exercise. He walked 15 feet (4.5 meters) with a walker, pumped pedals of an exercise cycle, took a shower and visited a sunny area of the hospital.

Dwan said a private room in a regular nursing unit has been prepared for Clark, when he is well enough to be moved out of intensive care. He said one requirement for the move is that Clark no longer needs a respirator.

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U.S. unwilling to normalize ties with Cuba

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AFP) — The United States is not prepared to normalize its diplomatic relations with Cuba, a State Department spokesman said here Wednesday.

The policy statement came after Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez suggested Tuesday that such normalization was a necessary pre-condition for a return to peace in Central America and the Caribbean basin. The State Department spokesman countered that peace would reign in the Caribbean if Cuba stopped fomenting tension in the region.

Despite the renewed chill in Cuban-American relations over the past couple of years, the Reagan administration has maintained the U.S. trade offices in Havana and Washington which were set up in 1979 during the administration of President Jimmy Carter.

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Moi, blaming the air force for the abortive coup, announced the disbandment of the service branch on Aug. 21 and appointed an army general to establish a new air corps, now called Air Force 82.

Jumbos dominate Indian paintings show in London

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP) — Elephants are triumphant in an exhibition of 300 years of superb Indian drawings, which opened here Thursday.

Seventeen of the 52 works at the Hayward Gallery are dominated by elephants. The great beasts walk sedately with prances on their backs. Gambo happily in forest glades, grapple furiously in combat with each other by tusk and trunk and run away from fireworks placed impudently under their tails.

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On easing trade friction

Accord eludes EEC, Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 10 (R) — Ministers from Japan and the European Economic Community Thursday failed to agree on ways of ending trade friction but decided to meet again Saturday, officials of both sides said.

Shigen Murakami, director of the International Economic Affairs Bureau of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), told a press conference after the talks here that he could not comment on the meeting because "negotiations are still under way."

A community spokesman said both sides agreed not to disclose details of Thursday's talks which lasted almost four and half hours and followed several days of discussions between the two sides on specific areas of trade conflict.

An MITI official told Reuters there were still differences over the question of Japanese exports to the community of video tape recorders, one of 10 Japanese products whose sale in the Common Market the West Europeans are seeking to limit.

Japan has asked that, in exchange for agreeing to limit its video recorder exports to the

community, France should stop restricting customs checks on them to the small inland town of Poitiers.

The MITI official said both sides were aiming for an overall agreement rather than striking a deal on some issues while leaving other problems unresolved.

The talks, held against a background of rising demands for protectionism in the community, have been regarded here as a key indicator to the tenor of relations between the Common Market and Japan over the next few years.

Wilhelm Haferkamp, European Commission vice president for external relations, said earlier that the problem of video recorders, television sets and tubes remained a major obstacle.

The Europeans want a three-year curb on exports to give their ailing industries time to re-tool to meet the Japanese challenge and help to relieve widespread unemployment, now totaling some 12 million within the community.

Japan wants France to ease import regulations for video recorders and wants the Common Market to halt action on a suit before the community alleging Japanese dumping of the recorders in Europe at less than manufacturing cost.

Meanwhile, U.S. Trade negotiator William Brock arrived in Tokyo Thursday to add his voice to calls for export restraint.

Dublin unveils deficit budget

DUBLIN, Feb. 10 (R) — The Irish government, saddled with a one billion Irish pound (\$1.37 billion) current spending deficit and heavy foreign debts, has introduced the severe budget it promised, hitting all but the lowest-paid.

Finance Minister Alan Dukes Wednesday announced a deficit of 397 million pounds (\$1.23 billion) on revenue of 5.75 billion pounds (\$7.88 billion) for 1983.

With an inherited deficit of just over 1.2 billion pounds (\$1.6 billion), Dukes had to find around 300 million pounds (\$480 million) in extra revenue, and he cast his net wide.

The biggest single haul will come from a biting increase in value-added tax (sales tax), which went up from 15 to 23 percent at the baseline and from 30 to 35 percent at the top rate for luxury items.

But the budget also hit holiday makers with a rise in foreign travel tax, drivers with rises in car tax and home-owners by lowering the threshold on tax relief for mortgages.

While the budget was sharply criticized by the opposition, the comfortable six-vote majority of Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald's Fine Gael-Labor coalition, which won power last December, ensured its passage.

While hitting the wealthy with a tax on property over a certain value and helping out the poor by raising the minimum taxable income, the main burden fell on the ordinary taxpayer, through a temporary one percent levy, and the consumer.

Poor urge rich to bolster aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP) — Spokesmen for the world's poor nations have called on the rich nations to stimulate their economies and sharply increase lending to debtor countries to avert a crisis looming over the world economy.

At a preliminary meeting of the International Monetary Fund on Wednesday,

Shipowners' debts seen at \$ 70 billion

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AFP) — Shipowners around the world owe a massive \$70 billion — almost equivalent to Mexico's foreign debts, the influential London shipping consultant Drewry has estimated.

Drewry said in a report that owners of oil tankers and bulk carriers had accumulated debts totaling an estimated \$35 billion during the current shipping slump.

Some \$18 billion of this was still owing for existing fleets, and the balance for new ships on order.

But the \$35 billion figure should probably be doubled if loans to owners of container ships, Ro-Ro, gas carrying and offshore vessels are taken into consideration, the consultant added. Drewry estimated the total of unsecured loans, stemming from the declining value of second-hand vessels, at \$500 million.

The Americans want Japan to continue a two-year policy of holding down car exports to the United States. Japanese trade officials have said agreement is likely on a third year of restraint but not more.

Once that is settled, Tokyo will outline proposals for similar restrictions on car exports to Canada. Canadian International Trade Minister Gerald Regan is due to arrive in Tokyo later Thursday for more talks with Japanese officials.

Haferkamp, Brock, Regan and Yamanaka will meet Friday for a discussion on international trade. Haferkamp told reporters there was no agenda for this two-hour meeting and no communiqué would be issued afterward.

The four men are expected to discuss how to carry out provisions of a communiqué issued at the ministerial meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva last November.

The communiqué called for the setting-up of groups to work out new GATT rules over restrictions some countries have imposed to protect their industries from outside competition.

Trade ministry sources in Tokyo noted that the countries taking part in the meeting accounted for 60 percent of world trade, and said its aim was to look at ways to preserve free trade and stop emerging protectionism. They did not expect to reach specific conclusions.

finance ministers representing the developing world pressed for stronger economic growth and larger lending increases than the industrial nations are known to be willing to provide.

The group representing poor nations met on the eve of a two-day session of the IMF called to increase the agency's lending resources, which are being rapidly drained by unprecedented demand from a growing list of developing countries in financial trouble.

The governing board of the 146-nation IMF, dominated by the big industrial countries, is expected to approve a lending pool of no more than 50 percent.

Developing nations, however, called Wednesday for a doubling of the lending pool, which totals \$66 billion. Major industrial countries have previously said that the ultimate solution to the perilous debt problems of the Third World is a worldwide recovery from the current recession, which was triggered by anti-inflationary measures adopted by the rich nations.

But officials from the United States, Western Europe and Japan, the dominant forces in the fund, have said they are unwilling to over-stimulate their economies and allow inflation to be rekindled. Rather, the industrial nations plan to pursue only slow growth that will keep inflation down.

That position is sure to come as unhappy news to the developing countries, which contend their economic and debt problems will continue to worsen without a significant turnaround in world economic activity.

Most international experts agree that the growing debt of the Third World has placed the greatest strain on the international financial system since the Great Depression 50 years ago and that a strategy of economic growth and increased lending by the industrial countries is essential to avert a collapse of the system.

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He embargoed supplies were being endangered through incompetent repairs of

Bulls & bears play it cool at Jakarta exchange

JAKARTA, Feb. 10 (AP) — On Jakarta's stock exchange, action on the trading floor is brief. Two hours is a long day.

Three is no Indonesian equivalent of the Dow Jones industrial average to monitor the 14 listed companies. No electronic screens flash the latest prices, they are written on a whiteboard with a black pen. Five million shares were traded last year in Jakarta, compared with more than 80 million a day recently on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Jakarta market is in its own gleaming new Gedung Bursa-Stock Exchange building, a division of the Finance Ministry. It is not a completely free enterprise operation, said Yusuf Anwar, a senior official of the capital market executive agency.

"The classic goal of a stock exchange is to channel capital, but here we are also concerned with the equitable distribution of income and movement of funds toward productive sectors," Yusuf said in an interview.

The exchange began in colonial days, founded by the Dutch in 1912 and operated

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Lagos tops as the most expensive city

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 10 (AP) — Lagos, the capital of Nigeria, is the world's most expensive city for visiting businessmen, according to an annual survey published here Thursday.

Business travelers for 500 international companies contributed to the survey by Employment Conditions Ahmad Ltd., which reported that the cost of a business stay in Lagos is 127 pounds (\$197) a day. The survey covered the cost of a four-star hotel room and incidental expenses.

Manama, Bahrain, came second in the list

at 109 pounds (\$169) a day, followed by

Dubai at 105 pounds (\$163) and Jeddah, 98 pounds (\$152).

Next was New York City at 97 pounds (\$150), London, 90 pounds (\$139), Hong Kong, 87 pounds (\$135) and Sydney, Australia, 83 pounds (\$129).

Singapore was put at 77 pounds (\$119). Paris, 73 pounds (\$113), Rio de Janeiro 69 pounds (\$107) and Madrid 55 pounds (\$85).

Airbus bagged 17 orders in '82

PARIS, Feb. 10 (AFP) — Sales of the European Airbus aircraft held up in 1982 with 17 orders, Airbus Managing Director Bernard Lathiere said here, but he told a press conference that orders for 11 aircraft were canceled last year.

In 1981 the consortium won orders for 46 aircraft. Lathiere said that the bankrupt British Laker Airways firm had canceled orders for seven planes. Thai International had canceled two orders and Singapore Airlines had canceled another two, totaling 11.

Lathiere said the Airbus consortium comprising French, German, British and Spanish firms, had orders for 350 units, 206 of them delivered, at the end of 1982. This was six more than the figure of 344 at the end of 1981.

Lathiere: Commenting on the decision Tuesday by British Airways to order American Boeing or Douglas aircraft instead of the Airbus, said it was never expected that British Airways would join Air France in launching the planned 150-seat A-320 Airbus aircraft.

Japan lends Kenya \$ 3.75 million

NAIROBI, Feb. 10 (AFP) — Japan is to grant Kenya 45 million shillings about (\$3.75 million) to buy essential social and economic development items.

The aid deal was signed here Thursday by Finance Minister Arthur Magogo and Japanese Ambassador to Kenya Teruo Kusagi.

This latest aid package brings to \$150 million total aid given to Kenya by Japan since Kenya's independence in 1963.

Japan is one of the 21 foreign countries and institutions in a club of donors to Kenya which met here last month to consider Kenya's request for \$450 million in extra aid to help this East African country overcome its balance of payments deficit.

Thursday's grant will be used to buy rice and wheat, school laboratory equipment, broadcasting equipment and machinery to expand the Itanga water project in central Kenya.

U.K.'s water strike continues

London, Feb. 10 (AP) — Striking water workers, angry at the "sheer incompetence" of their bosses, occupied treatment plants and pumping stations throughout the country Wednesday in an escalation of Britain's 17-day water and sewerage dispute.

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The workers are demanding a 15 percent raise over their current 136 pounds (\$208) average weekly earnings.

Eurodollar rates stay stable

By J.H. Hammond

trialized world will lead to some heavy demand for silver which is used for industrial processing.

In the European exchanges, the dollar opened weak and then rose slightly against the various currencies in some volatile trading. Little central bank interventions were noted from the European capitals, with most analysts predicting that the dollar will fall back over the weekend and as such the central banks were holding off from any meaningful support actions.

In the various currency news, the German mark continued to make rapid gains against the dollar and traded at the 2.4050 levels from the 2.4180 on Wednesday. Some profit-taking pushed the rate down to 2.4110 levels by close of business. The Japanese yen was firm at the 235.10 levels, while the French franc was up at 6.8310 from 6.8800 on Wednesday. There was no change for the Swiss franc at the 2.0010 levels but the British pound continued to rise to trade at 1.5530 at one stage.

In the local markets, spot riyal / dollar exchange prices rose to 3.4405-10 levels from early morning prices of 3.4403-08. Trading volumes were small. The riyal deposit rates were generally firmer at the 9 1/4 - 9 percent levels for the one-year and the 6 1/4 - 7 1/4 percent for shorter dated funds.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 497.25
Paris 495.46
Frankfurt 495.53
Zurich 496.58
Hong Kong closed

Recession pounds east Asia

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP) — The international recession finally extended to east Asia in 1982 as Japan's economic dominance increasingly overshadowed the region's future, according to an article in the important *Foreign Affairs* quarterly.

Robert Keatley

, editor of the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, writes in the editorial of *Foreign Affairs* published Wednesday that "after hovering in the distance, the worldwide recession finally hit the region with force, bringing sharp declines in growth rates from South Korea to Indonesia."

Politically, however, "both internally and externally, the nations of east Asia avoided crisis and confrontation as one of relative calm," he says. While the recession did reach the region, the year was a mixture of good and bad for most east Asian nations, Keatley suggests.

"By contemporary standards, 1982 was another year of economic political success for most east Asian nations, although a distinctly modest one when compared to achievements of recent times...no governments were

pled or seriously endangered by civil strife. No new external security threats appeared, nor did any east Asian country end the year with a significantly increased sense of national jeopardy," Keatley writes.

East Asian nations suffered declines in their growth rates and drops in exports as the rest of the world weathered the recession, he says.

Keatley says one of the main problems facing the region and the rest of the world is the vast industrial and economic might of Japan and the demands of a growing number of nations that might be limited in terms of exports and market shares.

"Many economists fear U.S.-Japanese moves and countermeasures could touch off a global protectionist spiral," he said. "In particular, this would hurt the newly industrializing and commodity-exporting nations of east Asia..."

The United States is at the forefront of the trade issue with Japan and the two nations face major changes in their relations, Keatley adds.

BRIEFS

Ottawa, Feb. 10 (AP) — Retail sales rose 2.2 percent in December, seasonally adjusted, to \$8.41 billion after a 2.7 percent increase in November, statistics Canada said. The largest rises were in sales of furniture, TV and radio stores, up 10 percent, and combination stores, up 4.2 percent. The greatest declines were in sales by hardware stores, down 6.6 percent, personal accessory stores, down 2.7 percent and pharmacies, down 2.6 percent.

COLOGNE, (R) — West Germany's 1982 trade deficit with the Soviet Union widened to a record 1.96 billion marks from the previous

1.6 billion record in 1981, the industry-backed West German Trade Association's committee for Eastern trade said. But its statement said West Germany remained the USSR's biggest Western trade partner.

PARIS, (AP) — The French steel industry's to receive more than a third of all state allocations to the nationalized sector this year, Industry and Research Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement has said. He added that the industry would get 6.4 billion francs (\$921 million) of the 20.2 billion francs for nationalized firms.

CANBERRA, (R) — Australia's balance of payments, as measured by net official monetary movements, showed a \$361 million surplus in January after the previous month's \$690 million surplus, the statistics bureau said. It was the fifth successive monthly surplus and compares with the year ago month's \$407 million deficit.

WASHINGTON, (R) — U.S. consumer installment credit, outstanding rose a seasonally adjusted \$2.19 billion in December after a \$2.52 billion advance the previous month, the Federal Reserve Board said. The December advance pushed total credit outstanding to \$343.372 billion compared with \$333.375 billion in December, 1981 it said.

LONDON, (AP) — The British textile groups Carrington Viy

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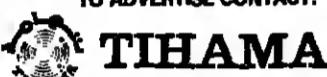
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GARRULOUS ROMANS

The story is told of how Winston Churchill was once visibly irritated when he heard his cabinet colleague talking loudly from an adjacent room when they were staying in a British country guest house while on a campaign trail.

The exasperated prime minister asked his secretary to go and find out what was going on. The secretary returned and in an apologetic tone announced that the honorable minister was talking to a friend in Greece. "Please tell him to use a telephone," Churchill shouted.

We don't know whether the secretary conveyed this message to the erring minister. We also don't know how the British statesman would have reacted if he found himself waiting outside a public telephone booth while the fellow inside went on unthinkful of others waiting for an opportunity to pass some urgent message. All we can say is that Churchill who stood no nonsense would have gladly approved the new measures announced by the Italian telephone authorities to curtail people's freedom to endlessly gossip on local calls at a cost next to nothing and at great cost to others' time. Under the new system introduced by Sip, the state phone company, the phone users will now be charged 100 lire (8 cents) for using telephone for 6 minutes. Previously this was enough for an unlimited local conversation.

For the time being, the new system is applicable only to garrulous Romans who, according to Sip, are the most long-winded talkers in Italy. As was only to be expected, Romans are irate. So will be loquacious species in other countries if faced with a similar situation. But we are sure the general public everywhere will be only too happy if something like this was done. At one time or another we have all experienced the exasperation when we reach one of the functioning phone booths in an airport, railway station or a busy thoroughfare only to find ourselves being forced to wait outside while an elderly woman berated her in-laws or a lovesick teenager cooed to his or her beloved endlessly. About the latter's fear of a stop of a conversation in mid-flow, the Italian telephone company has a very convincing answer to give: after all, it takes less than 6 minutes to read Juliet's declaration of love for Romeo.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Israeli commission's report on the Beirut massacres, Lebanon and the resolution of the Fez summit figured in the editorials of Saudi Arabian newspapers Thursday.

Al-Bilad said the Israeli commission's report had revealed the "actual dimensions of Israel's terrorist tactics and sanguinary measures." The commission's condemnation of Israeli leaders constituted a "new incriminating testimony against Zionist sanguinary methods directed against humanity," it added.

Al-Madani called on the world, especially the U.S., to put an end to the Jewish tyranny in the Arab and Islamic region. But the crimes committed by Begin and his clique would not scare the Arabs and Muslims and make them refrain from seeking their legitimate rights to Palestine and the Islamic holy places.

Al-Riyad urged the Arabs to rise up to the level of developments in the Middle East including the "Zionist designs to seize Arab land." It said the Lebanese authorities had now realized that the expulsion of the Palestinians was not the real aim behind

Israel's invasion of their country. *Okez* said the current trip of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to the Middle East was characterized by a certain degree of seriousness, a sense of responsibility and a reaffirmation of American policy in the region.

Al-Yawm called on the Arabs to implement the Fez summit resolutions on supporting Arab states like Iraq subjected to foreign aggression. Iraq had expressed willingness to respond positively to all efforts being made to put an end to the war, thus demonstrating its goodwill. The continuation of the war between two Muslim countries would benefit only the enemies of the Arab and Islamic nations, the paper added.

Al-Jazirah called on the Arabs to close their ranks and affirmed that force was the only way to recover the occupied territories and usurped rights. War is Israel's logic and aggression its course.

The Zionists' aggressive nature does not believe in human values as much as it does in force," it added. "The Arabs will not be able to recover occupied lands and usurped rights except by force.

Nuclear issue touches raw nerves in Switzerland

By Andrew Gowers

BASLE, Switzerland — Political decisions which will determine the shape of Switzerland's energy supply in the 1990s and beyond are on the horizon, and temperatures are rising here around the controversial issue of nuclear power.

An anti-nuclear lobby is intent on halting the atomic power program, which the government says is indispensable. Just a few kilometers up the Rhine from Basle, an idle half-excavated stretch of land provides a symbol of their success.

This was to be the site of the Kaiseraugst nuclear power station, intended to fill what the government sees as a dangerous gap in the country's electricity supply from 1990. But building on it has been paralyzed by politics ever since demonstrators illegally occupied the site eight years ago in Switzerland's first recorded anti-nuclear protest.

A proposal to continue the work is now making its way through the nation's labyrinthine legislature. Last week it passed its first hurdle, with a narrow majority in favor in the upper house of parliament. But before the lower house, said by political commentators to be more hostile to the project, passes judgment the Swiss public must have its say.

Voters will be asked in a referendum this year or next whether Switzerland should build any more nuclear power stations after a plant situated north of Zurich, is completed. Work is due to finish there in 1985. The government's answer is "yes". Electricity supplies almost a third of Switzerland's energy needs, and nearly half of that is nuclear-generated. It says proposed alternatives, such as increased use

of hydroelectric power, are inadequate.

In addition, official policy is to reduce the country's dependence on imported oil from about 60 percent in 1980 to 45 percent at the end of the century. Nuclear power is central to this, and the generating industry maintains that as demand for electricity is projected to grow steadily, new power plants will need to be built at a steady rate to supplement or replace the four already on stream.

The problem is that even theoretical advocates of nuclear power in the Basle region are against the Kaiseraugst plant because of its position. The site, at the Swiss border with France and West Germany, is at the heart of one of the most densely populated regions in Europe with about 2.3 million inhabitants. Opponents say the area is already saturated with nuclear power stations.

What is more, there is a small risk of earthquakes in the area. Because of this, a government commission on nuclear power station safety called the site the least favorable in Switzerland and demanded additional precautions.

Some influential pro-nuclear voices in the region have already drawn their conclusion. "Kaiseraugst remains a misconceived project on a site that no one would choose today," wrote Gerd Padel, editor of the *Basler Zeitung* in a commentary at the weekend.

The only solution is to stop building it before the climate becomes more poisoned, he argued, hinting at a widespread fear that the issue of nuclear power in general is becoming confused with the purely local problem of Kaiseraugst.

Some campaigners are apparently turning to violence. Before the decision in the upper house of parliament, a pylon carrying nuclear-generated power to West Germany was blown up and some

members of parliament received explosive packages in the mail.

Letters warned of more such actions if Kaiseraugst is not scrapped. Although they have not yet managed to stop the new power station, opponents claim success in forcing the government to adopt tighter safety regulations for existing plants.

They are also largely responsible for the — in Swiss terms — speedy treatment being given to the nuclear referendum. If voters accept this proposal, the government will be forced to cancel the Kaiseraugst plant in any case.

Precedent suggests such a vote could go either way. A number of local proposals to make decisions on nuclear power more democratic have been adopted in recent years, but a national petition along the same lines was narrowly rejected in 1979.

But the decision on Kaiseraugst in particular is being billed as a battle between national and regional interests, an issue always bound to raise hackles in Switzerland. According to an opinion poll published in 1981, more than half the Swiss oppose the new plant. Only a third are in favor.

Swiss industry is watching the debate extremely nervously, because of the enormous financial interests at risk. It is estimated that nearly one billion Swiss francs (\$500 million) have been spent on the power station up to now with no return. More will be lost if the project is called off.

One shareholder in the project has already lost patience. Last week, France's state-owned electricity company, Electricite de France, cut its stake by more than half. Its stated reason: politically inspired delay and the resultant spiraling costs. (R)

Liberalization move reveals lapses in Nepal's political life

By Aditya Man Shrestha

KATMANDU —

Political parties are coming out of the woodwork since the government of Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa relaxed iron-clad controls on partisan activities in Nepal.

The Nepali Congress Party has come out of the cold after 22 years of forced hibernation, and marked its re-emergence with a party convention last November. NCP was the leading political party in the Himalayan kingdom until the government clamped down on political activities.

The carefully measured relaxation of the tight leash on political parties has been attributed to the prime minister's anxiety to project a more liberal image for himself and his government. Government insiders also claim that Thapa feels confident that his rule is firmly entrenched and that some semblance of political opposition would not hurt him.

Moreover, international pressure has been building up on the prime minister to democratize his government, and nudge Nepal toward a democratic path.

"The move toward democratization did not spring from the kindness of his heart, but was forced on him by growing pressures both internal and external," an opposition political leader told Deepthi.

But while the relaxation of government controls on political activities has sparked a cautious mood of hope among the country's liberals, it has also focused attention on the sharp contradictions of the regime's more tolerant policies.

For although Thapa has gone to great lengths to project a born-again liberal image, he has at the same time embarked on a nationwide re-education

program, which his critics describe simply as brain-washing. The program is handled by the "political screening committee," the new name of the highly controversial monolithic Gaon Pharka Committee (back-to-village committee). The Gaon Pharka Committee was disbanded in 1979 in the face of mounting national outrage over its tight regimentation of political activities in the country.

Whether the new name of the committee would bring with it a new political direction remains to be seen, but people are plainly worried that the change in name would only just that, a new name, not a change in philosophy. Thapa's critics claimed that the re-education classes, which the government calls innocuously as coaching classes for "panchayat" or political workers under Nepal's partyless system, are directed mainly at political dissidents. "It is both illegal and immoral to conduct such politically-motivated courses at government expense," Thapa's critics said.

Indeed, the feeble signs of liberalization seem to go no further than being mere window dressing. No substantive relaxation of basic political policies have been introduced to give democratic-minded segments of the Nepalese society greater political comfort. Despite three amendments introduced into the Panchayat Constitution since 1962, the fundamental law of the land remains implacably committed to the partyless system.

This fundamental flaw in the constitution has raised urgent questions on the validity and constitutionality of political parties if they are allowed to operate at all. The emergence of truly independent political parties in Nepal goes against the grain of the national philosophy foisted by successive governments on the Nepalese which is clearly aimed at perpetuating the monarchical institution.

Indira remains committed to dynastic democracy

By Sunanda Datta-ray

CALCUTTA —

When Sanjay was killed in a flying accident some months later, Mrs. Gandhi fought ferociously to prevent his attractive and accomplished young widow Maneka from seizing the mantle. She draped it instead on her elder son Rajiv, then still an airline pilot and for a long time the reluctant debutant of Indian politics.

It became clear last week, when she foisted her

hopes that Mrs. Gandhi might at last have decided to overhaul her corrupt and creaking political and administrative apparatus. She herself went to some lengths to create this impression and encourage Indians to believe that drastic reforms were round the corner.

A cabinet purge seemed in the offing when most of her ministers were asked to resign. The resignation of five Congress secretaries also held out hopes of the political machine being cleansed. Doddering old Congressmen, veterans of her father's vintage, were dragged out of obscurity and summoned to Delhi as if they were about to seek the benefit of age and experience.

One of these political pensioners, Kamalapati Tripathi, 79, was even installed as the ruling party's "working president." Mrs. Gandhi rounded it off by delivering a series of sharp homilies to senior civil servants and ministers on the virtues of honesty, efficiency, speed and courtesy. Unpre-

cedented for her, she announced that the Maharashtra branch of her party would be allowed to elect its own state chief minister instead of having to obey her nominee.

But it now seems that the decks were only being cleared to make way for the realization of her ambitions for her son. In spite of the token resignations, which were probably intended only as a warning, there has been no change of any consequence in the cabinet or party office.

Rajiv's grace and favor appointment without even the fig leaf of a contrived "popular" demand, leave alone respectable elections, finally does away with the endearing image of a dashing young man forced against his inclinations to abandon his first love, flying, to lend a hand in steering the ship of state.

Mother and son are as one in pursuing the same dynamic goal, and could not care less how it is attained or what others think.

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dictive policies against new publications by granting permission to 200 to operate. At the same time, the government has formalized all-embracing press laws that could only paralyze a free press.

The most repressive of these new laws deals with the publication of foreign advertisements. The ostensible purpose is to keep the political ideas of North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung out of newspaper columns. But the unlimited scope of the new laws empowers the government to virtually control every facet of the newspaper profession and business, so much so that publications can be banned even on purely whimsical grounds.

Another major irritant in the relationship between the government and the media is the issue of official corruption. Publications are replete with reports on corruption in the bureaucracy. The Thapa government had been blamed for abetting malpractices in government, and even the prime minister himself had been dragged into these controversies by the press.

In a rare display of candor, Thapa admitted that there was corruption in the government. But he hastily added that corruption existed because "society patronized it." The national debate on corruption could well become the single biggest newspaper stuff in the months ahead. If Thapa tolerates it, of course. (Deutsche Presse-Agentur)

Today is Friday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 1983. There are 323 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

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(Hour: 11 ; 32-41)

Noah receives instructions

Last week we discussed the passionate plea made by Noah as he set his case to his people, outlining the fundamental values which are inherent in the cause of the message preached by all Prophets from Noah to Muhammad. (Peace be on them all). As he did so it was clear to the great ones of his people that they had no chance of winning the argument. They, therefore, stiffened their attitude, as is customary with their class, and were determined not to accept any proof of Noah's case; logical and natural as it may be. They gave up arguing in order to make a challenge: "They said: 'O Noah, you have argued, and argued too much, with us. Bring upon us, therefore, that with which you have been threatening us, if you are a man of truth.' This is a deceptive attitude, and an attempt to cover up their weakness by putting on an appearance of strength. It is a challenge made in order to mask their dread of the strength of truth."

Noah, however, is not affected by their outright rejection and their challenge. He maintains his noble attitude which befits a noble Prophet and continues to explain to them the truth and the facts which they have ignored when they invited him to bring on them the suffering he has been warning them against. He restates the fact that he is only a messenger whose task is to convey his message. Their punishment is left to Allah who has absolute control over their destiny. He alone decides, as in His own discretion, whether it is beneficial to punish them there and then or to postpone their punishment to a later date. Allah's will must come to pass, and Noah has no power over it. As a messenger, he has to continue to explain the truth to his people until the last moment. Their rejection and challenge must not

detour him from doing his job of explaining the truth to them: He said: Only Allah will bring it upon you, if He so wills. You cannot frustrate His purpose. Nor will my counsel benefit you, willing though I am to give you good counsel, if it is Allah's will to keep you astray. He is your Lord and to Him you shall return.

If Allah's laws determine that you will perish because of your rejection of the truth, His law will come to pass regardless of my advice to you. It is not that Allah will deprive you of benefiting by my advice but because what you do with yourselves will, according to Allah's law, take you away from the right path. You cannot defy Allah or make yourselves immune from Him. You are always within His reach. He has absolute power over you and over your lives. You cannot escape meeting Him when He brings you to account and decides your reward: He is your Lord and to Him you shall return.

At this juncture of the history of Noah we have a remarkable pause. The surah makes a brief reference to the reception of a similar message by the unbelievers of Quraish. There is a remarkable similarity of attitudes as Quraish claim that Muhammad invents these stories. The surah refutes their claims before it carries on with the history of Noah: Do they claim, He (Muhammad) has invented it? Say: If I have invented it, upon me be this crime of mine, but I am innocent of all that you commit. To fabricate what is false is to commit a crime. Hence, the Prophet is instructed to tell Quraish: If I have made any such fabrication I will bear the responsibility for it. Since I am aware that it is criminal to make such fabrications it is highly unlikely that I should commit it. I am, however, innocent of all your crimes including

Ablution

Q. 1. Kindly indicate the minimum total *raka'ahs* of sunnah which are a must for each prayer separately, i.e. *fajr* to *isha*. What are the circumstances when prayers can be offered while sitting down or lying in bed?

Q. 2. Please explain briefly the conditions under which when a new ablution becomes necessary prior to offering prayers. Can the same ablution be utilized for more than one obligatory prayer? What are the circumstances when dry ablution (i.e. *tayammum*) is allowed? How is this done?

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A. 1. The term *sunnah* when used in the context of prayers means the voluntary prayers recommended by the Prophet. As such we cannot consider any *sunnah* prayers as a must. Otherwise, there could be a contradiction in terms. Certain *sunnah* prayers have been more strongly recommended than the rest. In this sense, they should have priority. We should endeavor to offer them in all circumstances. These are the *sunnah* before *fajr* and the *witr*. The recommended *sunnah* prayers are two *raka'ahs*, before *fajr* prayers, two *raka'ahs* before *zuhra* and two after it, two, after *maghrib*, two, after *isha* followed by three *witr*.

Normally, prayers are to be offered in a standing position in the main part. If, for health reasons, one cannot stand up one may pray sitting down, or lying in bed if that is the most one can do. The Prophet says: Offer your prayers standing up, if you cannot then sitting down, if you cannot then lying on your side. Allah does not require anybody to do more than he or she can. What this means is that prayers must be offered at their specified times whatever the circumstances. Only a person who is totally unconscious is exempt from prayers. Such a person, however, must offer his or her prayers when they regain consciousness. This is because of the special importance attached to prayers in the religion of Islam. Exemption from it cannot be given, but one can offer it as best as one can.

A healthy and normal person can offer the *sunnah* prayers sitting down if he so desires. He, however, gets only half the reward of a person offering the same *sunnah* in the normal standing up position.

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A. 2. A fresh ablution is needed in any of the following cases: (1) Any discharge (air, urine, etc.) from either the front or rear passage. (2) Sleeping in any position other than that of sitting down with an upright support for one's back. (3) Loss of consciousness due to illness or drunkenness. (4) Physical contact with a member of the opposite sex with whom marriage is possible. There are, however, differences among various schools of thought as to what the term "physical contact" literally means.

Dry ablution or *tayammum* is used by any person who either does not have water or cannot use it because he is either traveling or

Social contacts with non-Muslims

Q. 1. What should be our attitude toward non-Muslims? Can we have close friendships or associations with them, particularly polytheists? Is it essential that we convey the message of Islam to every non-Muslim with whom we may come in contact?

Q. 2. People justify wearing clothes below the ankle by saying that Islam has forbidden the same when it becomes a show of pride. If this is not so, can we wear our clothes below the ankles?

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A. 1. Allah tells us in the Qur'an: As for such (of the unbelievers) as do not fight against you on account of your faith, neither drive you forth from your homelands, Allah does not forbid you to show them kindness and to behave toward them with full equity; indeed, Allah loves those who act equitably. (60: 8) This verse determines the nature of relations between Muslims and non-Muslims. Our attitude really depends on their. If they fight us because we are Muslims then we have nothing to do with them. If they are friendly, then friendship is reciprocated. We are allowed to have close contacts with them as long as they do not take positive steps to turn us away from our religion. Perhaps I should add a word of caution here: if you

are leading scholars to the problems in question and how they apply their knowledge of the Qur'an and the *sunnah* to such problems. The founders of these schools of thought were leading authorities in matters of

your false allegations, your rejection of Allah's message and your ascribing divinity to others beside him. This interjection does not interrupt the Qur'anic story, because it serves a certain purpose in the overall purpose of the surah.

As we are presented with the following scene we see Noah receiving Allah's revelations and commandments: Noah received this revelation: No one of your people will believe now says those who have already accepted the faith. Do not grieve at anything they may do. Build the ark under Our eyes, and according to Our inspiration. Do not appeal to Me on behalf of the wrongdoers: they shall be drowned. Everything has come to an end: the call, the warning and the argument. Those who are susceptible to faith have already accepted it. The others are hopeless. Allah who knows best what is feasible and what is not, and knows His servants well has revealed to Noah this fact about them. Hence, it is pointless to continue with the argument. He is told not to grieve at their rejection or their mockery. He is not to be distressed or to worry for himself or for them. Allah's will has come to pass.

Build the ark under Our eyes, and according to Our inspiration. We will look after you and give you instruction as you do that. Do not appeal to Me on behalf of the wrongdoers: they shall be drowned. Their destiny has been decided and you are not to plead for them. You can neither pray for them to be guided to the truth, nor can you pray for their punishment. Prayers are to no avail when Allah's will comes to pass. It is mentioned somewhere else in the Qur'an that when Noah despaired of his people he prayed for their destruction. It is understood that his despair came only after he received this revelation.

The next scene shows Noah building the ark, after having given up arguing with his people and calling them to accept the faith: So be set himself on building the ark. And whenever a group of his people passed by him they scoffed at him. He said: Scoff at us if you will. Just as you scoff at us now, so we shall scoff at you. You will surely come to know who it is that shall be visited by suffering which will put him to shame, and who will be afflicted by everlasting suffering.

The present tense is used to portray this scene. This brings the scene to life. We see everything happening in front of us now. Noah builds the ark and groups after groups of his insolent people pass by and scoff at him. They scoff at the man who used to say to them that he is a messenger from Allah and argued with them for long, but ends up as a carpenter busying himself with making a boat. They mock at him because they can only see what appears to them. They cannot realize what lies beyond it. This is, however, typical of them. Noah, on the other hand, is full of confidence as he tells them that their mockery will rebound on them: Scoff at us if you will. Just as you scoff at us now, so we shall scoff at you. We will scoff at you because you cannot visualize that Allah has a definite purpose beyond all this, and you cannot imagine what awaits you: You will surely come to know who it is that shall be

visited by suffering which will put him to shame, and who will be afflicted by everlasting suffering. Will this apply to us or to you who everything will be revealed.

A scene of mobilization follows as the awaited moment draws near: Until, when Our will came to pass and the oven boiled, We said (to Noah): Take into it a pair of every species, as well as your family, except those against whom (Our) word has passed, and all those who have accepted the faith. None save a few were those who believed with him. He said to them: Embark in it. In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. My Lord is indeed Forgiving, Merciful.

There were varying reports concerning the boiling in the oven. Some of them are far-fetched. They and the whole story of the floods smack of Talmudic exaggeration. We, however, are not prepared to go into a maze without any guidance. In order to explain this history of which we know only what the Qur'an tells us. We, therefore, will confine ourselves to the limits of the text, and add nothing to it. The most that we can say is that the oven or the fire boiled with whatever was there. This might have been that water started to boil in it or that a volcano erupted. The boiling might have been a signal from Allah to Noah. It might, on the other hand, accompanied the execution of Allah's will as water started to gush out of the earth and rain started to come down in torrents.

When this took place We said: take into it a pair of every species. It appears that the whole process was revealed to Noah step by step at the right moment. He first received orders to build the ark and he built it. The surah does not tell us at the beginning why the ark was to be built, nor does it tell us that Noah was informed of the purpose, until When Our will came to pass and the oven boiled then he received his instructions for the following stage: We said: Take into it a pair of every species, as well as your family, except those against whom (Our) word has passed, and all those who have accepted the faith.

Again, the reports vary as to the meaning of a pair of every species. They smack of much exaggeration. We, however, will not let imagination carry us away in order to give this statement a precise interpretation. We will only say that Noah was ordered to take into the ark a pair of all such living species as he could take.

As well as your family, except those against whom (Our) word has passed, is that, those who deserved to be punished by Allah in accordance with the law He had laid down. And all those who have accepted the faith, meaning, those who did not belong to his family. These however were very few as the Qur'anic statement makes very clear.

Noah carried out his instructions as they were given to him. He said to them: Embark in it. In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. This statement indicates that he dedicated himself and the ark to Allah. It floats and anchors under Allah's watchful eyes. For, what could Noah and his people do to steer that ark to safety in such deluge?

Our Dialogue

have very close relations with your non-Muslim friends, you have to be careful not to develop a lax attitude about your religious duties. While they may not wish you to neglect your religious duties, the fact that they do not have to observe similar duties may gradually make you pay less and less attention to yours. This is something you should be on your guard against.

We are required to convey the message of Islam to all people, using the most suitable means. Conveyance of the message may take different forms, according to different circumstances and to the nature of the relationship one has with non-Muslims. This does not necessarily have to be in a formal way of delivering a message and requiring an answer. Many people have accepted Islam when they came in contact with Muslims and realized the beneficial effects Islam has on character and social relations.

A. 2. The Prophet recommends us to have our garments above the ankles. This is strongly recommended, though not obligatory. Although the reason is, as you say, that long garments give an impression of pride and when there is no such intention wearing long garments may not be so objectional, yet it is always preferable to follow the teachings of the Prophet. He has taught us only what is good for us.

Islamic schools of thought

Q. How significant are the Islamic schools of thought? Can a follower of one school, say, Al-Shafie, join a congregational prayer if the Imam follows a different school of thought, say, Hanafi?

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A. Islamic schools of thought are just what the term "school of thought" signifies. They are, in other words, methods for deducing the necessary rulings in matters of detail on the basis of the texts of the Qur'an and pronouncements of the Prophet. As in all fields of human knowledge, different scholars have different methods in dealing with the problems that arise in their field of specialization. In matters of religion, differences can occur in the fundamental beliefs as well as in the rulings which affect details. In Islam, however, there are no differences among various schools of thought with regard to the fundamental beliefs. They are all unanimous on the basics. We do not find any difference between these schools of thought with regard to the status of the Prophet, his nature, the validity of his pronouncements, or to what extent his rulings in all questions, matters and problems are binding.

The differences touch only on details. This is only because of the different approaches of their leading scholars to the problems in question and how they apply their knowledge of the Qur'an and the *sunnah* to such problems. The founders of these schools of thought were leading authorities in matters of

Allah and that Muhammad is His messenger." This means that the Prophet has the role of conveying to us Allah's message. This he accomplished fully in his lifetime. When he passed away the religion of Islam was complete. The last verse of the Qur'an to be revealed was: Today have I perfected your religion for you. (5: 3) If something is perfect, it does not accept any additions. Hence, nothing that the Prophet did not convey to us as part of Allah's message, i.e. the religion of Islam, cannot be added to it at the advice of any person. Indeed, the Prophet warns us very strongly against any such addition. He says: He who innovates something in this religion of ours which is not of it will have it rejected. This applies particularly in the case of worship. The Prophet was the best worshipper of Allah. If he did not do something, then we cannot do it and claim that it has any religious value.

What we know for certain is that the Prophet himself did not celebrate his birthday, nor was his birthday commemorated by any of his companions. Hence, celebrating his birthday has no religious value. We have only the two feasts which he and his companions celebrated, namely Eidul-fitr at the end of Ramadan and Eidul-Adha (or the feast of sacrifice) on the tenth of Thul-Hijjah. Indeed your question should be asked in reverse. We should ask why do other people celebrate the Prophet's birthday when he did not?

Differences in form of prayer

Q. I come from Malaysia, and I follow the Shafei school of thought. When I came to Saudi Arabia I noticed that there are differences in the way people pray here, especially when we sit on our knees in the middle of a prayer. I notice that some people shake their fingers vigorously, some point their fingers repeatedly toward the Imam and others do differently still. I do not understand this action. Can you please explain why we should point our fingers when we say the declaration of the oneness of Allah. Which is the best form of all?

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A. The Prophet's tradition which says: "Pray in the same way you have seen me pray" provides the basic rule which determines the form of prayers. There are several traditions which describe the actions and movements of prayers. The Prophet's companions have related these traditions and explained how he used to pray. Each leading scholar taught prayers as best he could determine the way the Prophet prayed, relying on the reports he received from the various companions of the Prophet. The differences remain very minor and do not affect prayers to any considerable extent. Hence all these actions and forms, including the apparent minor differences are valid. They do not constitute or lead to any significant differences among Muslims. The most they amount to is that the Prophet used all these forms in order to make it easy for anyone to pray in the most convenient manner and form.

2. We take our religion from the Prophet (Peace be on him). This is the meaning of the second part of the declaration which we make when we accept Islam. The declaration says: "I bear witness that there is no God save

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keep on their guard, but they were not to deal the first blow.

In the case of the Jews, it may be useful to remind ourselves that they had a treaty of coexistence with the Prophet. Neither party was to interfere in the religious affairs of the other. The Jews had pledged not to give any support to any enemy of the Prophet or the Muslims. Past experience, however, showed that the Jews could violate the provisions of their treaty if they felt that such violation would serve their interests. Besides indications of treachery were shown by them on several occasions. A year or so earlier the Jewish tribe of Qainuqa' took a position of open hostility to the Prophet. Certain individuals among them tried to plot against the Muslims. All this took place shortly after the resounding victory achieved by the Muslims at the battle of Badr. The Muslims were then in a position of great strength, but that did not deter the Jews from plotting against them. Now that the Muslims were shaken by the defeat at Uhud and the treacherous events of Al-Raj'ah and Bir Ma'onah, the temptation for the Jews to do something against them was too great to be resisted. Hence, the Prophet had to be constantly watchful for any sign of treachery which might come from either side, or both. The Prophet also felt that he should seize any opportunity that might arise to test the loyalty of the Jews.

Such an opportunity presented itself when Amr ibn Ummayah, the one companion of the Prophet who was not killed at Bir Ma'onah, came back and told the Prophet of what happened to his companions and what he himself had done on the way back. Amr had met two men from the Amr tribe whose chief was the perpetrator of the ghastly crime of Bir Ma'onah which claimed the lives of seventy of the Prophet's companions. Amr killed the two men in revenge for what had happened, not knowing that they had come to the Prophet and obtained from him a pledge of protection. The Prophet, then, had to pay their ransom to their relatives. Since the Muslim state in Madinah was still a very poor one especially in view of the fact that the Muajjideen had had to be supported by their brethren, the Ansar, who received them well and were very grateful to them.

The Prophet, therefore, went to the Jewish tribe of Al-Nadheen who were allies of the Amr tribe. He asked the chiefs of Al-Nadheen tribe to contribute to the ransom he had to pay for the two killed people. When he made his purpose clear to them, they showed their willingness to meet his request. They addressed him by his title of Abu El-Qassim, meaning the

As Williams sparkles

Pacers get entangled in Nets

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP) — Buck Williams considers himself a virtual blue-collar working man among National Basketball Association players.

"I'm just a man trying to make a living," says the New Jersey Nets' rugged forward. The most important part of his job is rebounds. When he produces a high point total, as he did in Nets' Wednesday night's 105-90 victory over the Indiana Pacers, that's just a bonus.

Along with his 16 rebounds, Williams scored 26 points on 10 of 11 shooting to help the surging Nets win for the 20th time in the last 25 games. That gave Williams 55 points and 32 rebounds in two nights.

Michael Ray Richardson, acquired by the Nets Sunday night, scored eight of his 13 points in the fourth quarter and finished with eight assists. Indiana pulled within 81-80 with 8:47 left, but Richardson tipped in Otis Birdsong's missed shot, Albert King sank two free throws and Williams also pitched in to give New Jersey a seven-point lead. The Pacers got no closer than five the rest of the way.

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Cleveland led by as many as 12 points in the third period before Milwaukee rallied to within 74-72 at the end of the quarter behind 12 points from Sidney Moncrief. Then Free hit six shots and Robinson added 10 points in the fourth quarter to keep the Cavaliers ahead.

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Mark Aguirre added 24 points for Dallas and Brad Davis hit a season-high 21 points as the Mavericks raised their record to 25-24.

Kings 103, Warriors 96: Mike Johnson came off the bench to score 21 points, and Eddie Johnson added 20 to lift Kansas City over Golden State. The Kings led by as many as 18 points early in the second quarter, but blew the lead and had to come back. After a free throw by Mickey Johnson gave Golden State the lead at 96-95, the Kings ripped off six straight points in the next 63 seconds to take the lead for good. Steve Johnson had four points in the rally.

Nuggets 134, Sonics 125: Kiki Vandeweghe scored 37 points and Dan Issel had 31 to lead Denver over Seattle, continuing the Sonics' woes on the road. After winning 10 of their first 12 games on the road, the Sonics have now lost 12 of their last 13, and are 27-23 after opening the season with a big bang.

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by reserve guard Mark Radford in the fourth quarter. Radford, averaging just 3.8 points a game for the season, scored 18 of his career-high 22 points in the last period and almost brought the Sonics back single-handedly.

Lakers 113, Jazz 99: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 16 points, including the 29,000th point of his NBA career, as Los Angeles routed Utah. Abdul-Jabbar, the second-leading scorer in NBA history, needed only four points to reach the 29,000-mark.

When he got his fourth point early in the game, play was stopped and he was given the basketball. The crowd of 13,656 at the forum gave him a standing ovation.

Abdul-Jabbar also had game-high totals of 13 rebounds and eight blocked shots as the Lakers won their fourth game in a row and their 13th straight home game. Los Angeles is 22-2 at home this season, the best in the league.

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For one thing, it takes some pressure off you, the pressure of not winning in so long. And you know that you're going to be okay financially," said Morgan, who currently tops the tour with \$116,298, almost as much as he made all last year. "And it opens up some other things — the Ryder Cup team, the Tournament of Champions, the World Series of Golf," he said. "Hopefully, I can win another one or two. Winning early whets your appetite. I'm going to play a full schedule, about 25 to 28 tournaments. Just keep plugging along and see if maybe I can win another."

Morgan, who attributed his early success to an improved short game and "being in the right place at the right time," ranked as one of the prime contenders in the field that will chase the \$58,500 first prize.

Nightwatchman Guy de Alwis on four and Roy Dias, still to score, will resume Friday morning. McCosker said: "We will have to bow them out Friday and have enough time to set a target for Sri Lanka on Saturday." Sri Lankan captain Dulceep Mendis said: "We need the practice for our New Zealand Tests and will have to bat responsibly in the early sessions Friday.

The possibility existed, said Jack Stirling, the tour official in charge of this tournament, that less than the full complement of 144 players would start. Nine players have withdrawn and the full list of alternates has been exhausted. "If we get any more (withdrawals), we'll just have to go with a short field," Stirling said.

In addition to Morgan, some of the top performances who will test the 6,881-yard, par-72 Waialae Country Club Course are

Former Test batsman Peter Toohey blasted a top-score of 58 in 97 minutes with eight fours to rescue the NSW innings. McCosker

Decker Tabb stopped in her 'tracks' by injury

EUGENE, Oregon, Feb. 10 (AP) — Mary Decker Tabb, America's premier woman's distance runner and multi-event record holder, will miss the remainder of the indoor track season because of a stress fracture of the left ankle.

The track star said Wednesday that the fracture was the "exact same injury" she suffered last year at the end of the indoor season. "It's not that serious," Tabb said. "It's sore. I can run on it, but I can't train very hard on it. I don't want it to get to the point where it becomes something serious and will take a long time to heal," she said. "I don't want to be sorry."

Tabb, 24, said the injury would have no effect on her plans to run during the outdoor track season, which she said is "the most important thing for me this year." Her first outdoor meet probably will be the Pepsi Invitational in Los Angeles in mid-May, she said.

Tabb, unbeaten on the track since 1980, had been scheduled to compete in two more indoor races this season — in the U.S. Olympic Invitational Saturday night at the

Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and in the Michelob Invitational Feb. 18 at San Diego. She holds the world indoor bests in the women's 1,000 yards, 1,500 meters, 2,000 meters and 3,000 meters.

Meanwhile, promoters of a Marathon featuring world record holder Alberto Salazar of the U.S. and Commonwealth Games gold medalist Robert de Castella, still hope to save the Brisbane race.

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For a number of years there have been persistent allegations that a West German sports goods manufacturing company have been paying players to wear their boots. Late last year these charges were confirmed when former Welsh scrum-half Gareth Edwards admitted in a television interview he had been the liaison man between the manufacturers and the Welsh team.

In practically any other sport these disclosures would have been less than sensational in an era when the dollar rules in everything, from table tennis to darts.

But to the Rugby Union establishment, fond of proclaiming that union is the last true amateur sport, the Edwards' confession had the impact of a tidal wave.

Rugby in Britain has been associated with the upper classes since last century's industrial revolution. With the migration of labor from country to town, soccer, a game which can be played on a hard surface, became the sport of the urban working class, while Rugby was confined to the upper class public schools with their acres of green fields.

Wales, where rugby is the national sport, has always been the exception among the home countries. So it is not surprising that Welsh players have been at the center of the

recent controversy. The tradition of gentlemen players taking part in sport purely for enjoyment has lingered on in British rugby and to a certain extent it has been reflected in the leading rugby-playing Commonwealth countries — Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Life in the harsh economic climate of the 1980s though is far removed from the leisurely life style enjoyed by the British aristocracy 100 years ago and inevitably the increasing pressures have led to some fundamental changes in attitude in the major rugby nations.

The most striking example came in Australia last year when 10 leading players declared themselves unavailable for a tour of New Zealand and nine of them later took the unprecedented step of issuing a statement detailing their reasons. "This difficult decision has been forced on us mainly because of the financial burden we have incurred by not receiving any significant income during the periods when we have represented Australia," the statement read.

As a direct consequence of this action the Australian Rugby Union last week trebled the players' daily allowance to 35 Australian (\$33), saying the amount would "more suitably reflect the daily demands on players in their international representative

Rugby payments kick up a lot of dust As 'gentlemen' game tries to keep pace with the times



ROUGH & TOUGH: Rugby is one of the most demanding games. And the above pictures of two different recent Five Nations ties depict how Pic on left shows England's John Scott (right) and Wales' Edward Butler having their private battle in an ensuing scrum, while on right Scotland's Ian Laidlaw takes evasive action from a French player.

In replayed English F.A. Cup clash

Rix's goal guns down gritty Leeds

LONDON, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — Graham Rix shattered Leeds United's stubborn English F.A. Cup fourth round resistance at the third attempt at Highbury here Wednesday.

His late goal gave the First Division side a 2-1 victory over their tenacious Second Division opponents and earned Arsenal a fifth round trip to Middlesbrough. Rix, who dramatically rescued Arsenal in the dying seconds of extra-time in the first replay at Leeds last week, produced his killer touch after 82 minutes on a freezing night.

The England player's determination to settle this protracted tussle had earlier seen him create a 54th-minute goal for fellow-international Tony Wooncock — the first time Arsenal had led in the three games. Arsenal's Yugoslav forward Vladimir Petrovic had a hand in both goals.

It was the signal for Leeds to show their resilience and they did not disappoint their 5,000 followers. Experienced Northern Ire-

Revie to pull on for 2 seasons

BAHRAIN, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — Former England soccer manager Don Revie has hinted he may retire after two more seasons with Dubai's Al-Nasr club, *The Gulf Mirror* newspaper said. But he insisted he had no intention of returning to the professional game in Britain.

"The pressure on managers is ridiculous. I would not be prepared to put myself under that amount of intense pressure again," the newspaper quoted him as saying. Revie quit as England manager during the unsuccessful

land goalkeeper Pat Jennings, caught off his line by a lob from Arthur Graham, could only palm the ball against the crossbar and he was in a helpless heap on the ground as Terry Conner powered in to equalize after 70 minutes.

In the Scottish Cup, Partick Thistle beat Kilmarnock 1-0 away in a third round replay. Johnstone got the all-important goal.

Meanwhile, Barcelona continued to set a hot pace in the race for the Spanish First Division league title Wednesday when they scored a 1-2 home win over Malaga.

The league program was brought forward to midweek because of Spain's February 16 European Nations Championship clash against Holland in Seville. Barcelona's main title rivals Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao also won Wednesday.

Real Madrid snatched a 1-0 win over Sporting Gijon and Athletic Bilbao hammered Espanol 5-2. Bottom-of-the-table

Valencia pulled off one of the evening's biggest surprises by scoring a 4-0 win over visiting Seville.

In Miami, Dolphin's football team owner Joe Robbie said they had not been contacted by British promoters seeking to repeat the club's Super Bowl final against the Washington Redskins at London's Wembley Stadium.

The promoters were hoping to stage the match in July, but the National Football League (NFL), who run professional gridiron football in America, said August would be a better time. Robbie said: "I have not been contacted by the London promoters, nor have we discussed this proposal with the Washington Redskins."

Robbie added: "We are scheduled to play the Redskins in Washington in a pre-season game at the weekend of Aug. 20-21. This schedule has been approved by NFL. Any change would require the approval of both clubs and NFL. We will have no further comment until we have more information."

East Germany this week carried out a shake-up in the country's soccer leadership and announced changes in the league structure and training methods in an effort to pull the sport out of the doldrums, it was reported in East Berlin. A government minister, State Secretary for Fitness and Sport Guenter Erbach, took over the presidency of the National Soccer Association from Guenter Schneider, who is now the vice-president.

No East German clubs got beyond the quarterfinals of last year's European competitions and the national side face a difficult task in the European Championship.

With his wife Bertha by his side, Hagler stares from the wall and proclaims, "This is one mean bean." It seems that Hagler is working himself into one mean fighter for his world middleweight championship bout against Tony Sibson, the European champion from England, Friday night at the soldout 13,577-seat Centrum.

As of last Saturday, Hagler, who trained in Province Town at the end of Cape Cod, cut off face-to-face interviews. "I don't think it's necessary to do that," said Sibson, who has trained at the Centrum and has been quite taken by the reception given him.

"He gets up tight the week of the fight," said Goody Petronelli, the trainer and co-manager of the 26-year-old Hagler, who will be making the sixth defense of the title he won by stopping Alan Minter of England Sept. 15, 1981, at London. While declining to grant personal interview, Hagler did agree to hold a conference-call news conference with several members of the media last Monday.

The champion was cooperative, but snap-happy, suddenly ending the conference by stating, "I've said everything I have to say." All I want to do is win this fight. That's all that's on my mind," Hagler said before ending the telephone interview.

"I'm very confident, not cocky like Tony Sibson," said Hagler, who has been quoted as saying the challenger has a big mouth. "I've never said anything about him," said a puzzled Sibson. "Maybe he's psyching himself."

Hagler and Petronelli also have accused Sibson of putting his head during fights. Petronelli called Sibson a billy goat and said he wants the referee, Carlos Padilla of the Philippines, to be aware of the Englishman's putting tactics. "I've never done anything like

that in my life," said the 26-year-old, 5-foot-8 (172 cm) Sibson, who is most effective when he fights inside. Hagler is 5-9 (175 cm) and holds a 6-12-inch (16.5 cm) reach.

Meanwhile, Milton McCrory of the U.S. and Britain's Colin Jones are scheduled to fight for the World Boxing Council's (WBC) welterweight championship title here on March 19.

Plans for the bout were approved Wednesday by the Reno-Sparks Convention Authority. Larry Thomas, special events director for the board, said the only possible obstacle is a contract for television rights with the U.S. television network ABC.

Thomas said the network had a contract with promoter Don King to televise the bout March 12, the week before the scheduled date. ABC already was planning to televise an amateur bout in Reno on March 18, he

said. The WBC welterweight championship was vacated by Sugar Ray Leonard when he announced his retirement last year.

Leonard's last fight was against Bruce Finch in Reno last February.

In London, Northern Ireland's Hugh Russell, the new British bantamweight champion, will make a voluntary defense of his title against fellow-Belfast boxer, Dave Larmour on March 2. Russell won the title in Belfast two weeks ago when John Feeney, the defending champion, was disqualified for misuse of his head.

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Dog Detective Ranjha

7 Case of the washerman's sheets

By Pratap Sharma

Many cases now followed. People heard of us. They would come to us for help. We always went. And never mattered to me whether it was a big case or a small one. I looked as eagerly for the lost toy of a child as for an absconding murderer.

The most delicate and tricky of the minor cases was the one which people thought had not been able to solve. We called it the case of the washerman's sheets.

Someone had stolen a pair of sheets which the washerman had put out to dry on some rocks by the river. The poor old man was most upset. The sheets were expensive. They belonged to one of his clients. He

couldn't afford to replace them. What was he to do?

It was too small a matter to bring to the notice of the police. So he came to us.

We went to the riverbank. It was a popular place with washermen; there were hundreds of them there, each with his own reserved section of the riverbank. The rocks were blanketed with a colorful patchwork of many clothes.

Woof was astounded to see so many people. It seemed a very difficult task to track a thief from among all the washermen there. Woof was certain that one of them had casually included the missing sheets in his own bundle. But he was wrong. The thief was not another washerman.

But there's no denying that finding the culprit put me to great effort. To begin with, there was no way of my taking the scent except off the ground. Then, Woof made the mistake of making me smell the spot where the sheets had been spread. Now the smell on the sheets naturally belonged to the old fellow who had washed the sheets, so I raced off and grabbed hold of the poor old washerman!

He screamed and tried to run for his life. I held him fast, tearing his coat in the process. Woof understood what had happened and came running up and asked me to release him. By now the washerman was wailing, "O God, what have I done to deserve this? I am robbed and then the animal who is to catch the thief accuses me! Woe is me. I'm shamed before everyone!"

Woof couldn't help laughing nor could the other washermen who had gathered round.

Anyway, back we went to the rocks where the sheets had been dried and this time Woof put me to sniffing about the little grassy path that led into the jungle. I caught a scent, of course, and it was just a chance that it belonged to the thief. Mingled with the scent of the man was the faint whiff of the washed sheets, but Woof had no way of knowing this, so when I started to circle round and head toward the bazaar, he tried to pull me off the scent. But now I was not inclined to give up. Fortunately, Woof let me continue when he realized I was keen to go on. What was troubling Woof most was that as we moved nearer to the area of the bazaar a crowd of curious urchins and others tagged on behind us. And the crowd kept growing like a rolling snowball.

Soon we were in a little shantytown. This being a hilly place, the houses were constructed on different levels. At the very top, above this maze of narrow lanes and streets, was the bazaar. All kinds of inquisitive questions were being asked behind us. Were we the police? Or were we acting a scene for film and if so who were the leading stars and where were they? We felt a bit like a traveling entertainment for the idle. And I could sense that Woof was becoming tense and irritable.

Just then I turned into a house where the scent of the man was strong but stronger still was the smell of the sheets. Going in, I found no one. Everyone in the area seemed to be out, behind me! But the scent was more than strong, it was fierce and powerful. I went to some sacks, trying to locate the origin of the smell of the sheets, but the sacks only contained coal. Then I went to a trunk under the bed but it only had other clothes. As I moved along



Illustrations by Abdurahim Alireza

one of the walls, the smell hung above me. I looked up. A bag was hanging on a peg. I leaped up. Yes, the smell was quite concentrated here but like a recurring memory, I took the bag between my teeth. Woof slipped it off the peg. I knew he was feeling diffident, intruding like this into someone's house in the middle of a populous area. I hoped the evidence I was giving him would reassure him but it didn't. He had no way of knowing the smell that emanated from the bag. I watched him examine it. It was a postman's satchel and it was empty.

But just as he was about to turn away in disillusionment, I began to scratch at the doors of a cupboard. With a sigh and a shrug, Woof pulled open the door. It contained clothes but now the smell of the sheets was hitting me like a charge of dynamite up my nostrils. One side of the cupboard had some shirts on hangers but the scent was exploding at me from floor-level. I pushed my snout into a bundle and nosed and came out holding a corner of one of the sheets. The washerman who had stayed close to Woof all this time shouted, "That's it!"

Woof said nothing till we were outside, then he casually asked the people who were gathered there, "Whose house is this?"

A number of them answered, "Z.A. Farooqi, the postman."

Woof frowned, nodded and came back indoors. He seemed worried. Once, when the washerman tried to go out, he restrained

him with a grip on his arm. Finally, he said to the washerman, "Look, we've tried to help you —"

"You have!" the man exclaimed. "You've found my sheets. Now we just have to go on and catch the thief. He must have seen us coming and run away. But you'll catch him, I know you will."

"We'll catch him, yes. But I don't think it will help matters."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that it's dangerous situation. We know he's guilty. But there's large crowd outside."

"So what? They're all good people. They would be happy if we caught the thief."

"No doubt. But there are always some nasty persons in such a crowd." So Woof swore the washerman to secrecy but promised him that he would get his sheets back. The washerman was pleased enough at the outcome — after all, he only wanted his sheets back.

We left the house pretending that we had been mistaken, and we walked the length of the bazaar as though we were still tracking, in order to throw the crowd off the scent! Then we trailed off to a large end at the point where we had begun — the riverbank! By then it was nearing ten o'clock and most of the crowd had scattered and dispersed.

The next day Woof located Farooqi the postman. Farooqi, of course, realized that he had been found out and was thankful he wasn't being handed over to the police. He

was really quite a good person. He was man enough to confess that he had picked up the sheets when passing by the riverbank. He had stuffed them into his satchel and walked home. It was the first and only temptation of this kind which he had ever given in to all his life. He asked to be forgiven.

Woof was touched by his ability to make a clean breast of the matter. Within the hour, Farooqi brought the sheets to Woof and Woof returned them to the washerman.

It made me realize that sometimes the obvious solution is not always the correct answer to the situation.

In a quite different way, the obvious solution was not the correct answer in the case that began when I found a hidden earring. It lay in the shallow knot-hole of a tree. I don't remember now whether I drew Woof's attention to it with a bark or whether he saw me raise my tail a few degrees in excitement and came to my side to see. Anyway, there it was, a gold earring with three emeralds glinting like the eyes of some weird insect. Naturally, we set off to return it to the person who had left it there. It seemed the obvious thing to do and we hardly realized then that this was not the correct answer to the situation. For you see, we went back to the owner but to the thief who had hidden it.

That was the beginning of the case of the hidden earring.

(To be continued next Friday)

Surprise your guests with Pakistani food specialities

By Samarah Niazi

KARACHI — *Biryani* — a rice preparation with meat (mutton, beef or fowl) — is a very popular dish in Pakistan. A remnant of the glorious Moghul days, it's a wholesome meal. Surprise your guests next time by serving them a dish they have never tasted before.

Biryani is rice cooked with meat and a variety of spices and colored with saffron. The preparation takes time and needs good quality rice and mutton or chicken.

With *biryani*, a special yogurt preparation (*Raita*) is used as a side dish. It mellows the rich spicy taste of the *biryani*.

Kofta (meat ball) curry is also a speciality that is served along with *Biryani* as a second course. It tastes good, and looks so appetizing that the little extra work needed to prepare it is worth the effort.

Koftas can also be used as a main dish and eaten with any variety of bread or plain boiled rice.

Ingredients:

BIRYANI

- 1 kilo meat (stewing beef)
- 1 cup yogurt
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 tap crushed garlic and ginger
- ½ teaspoonful turmeric
- ½ teaspoonful saffron
- ½ kilo rice
- ½ kilo onions
- ½ kilo oil or clarified butter
- 3 teaspoonsful chilli powder (adjust to taste)
- ½ cup butter
- ¼ cup milk
- Mix I:
- 5 sticks cinnamon
- 10 cloves
- 10 black pepper
- 5 cardamom pods (or 1 teaspoonful ground cardamom powder)
- Mix II:
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 5 cloves
- 5 black pepper seeds
- 1½ tablespoonsful black cumin seeds.

Preparation:

Marinate the beef with yogurt, turmeric, salt, chili powder "Mix I", 1 teaspoonful saffron, garlic and ginger for at least an hour.

Brown the thinly sliced onions in the oil until they are crispy. Remove the onions. Cool slightly and crush either in a blender or with your hands.

Add the marinade and meat into the hot oil and stir fry for a few minutes. Add the crushed onions and tomatoes (which have been sliced into eighths). Add enough water to cook the beef and have some gravy.

While the meat is cooking, cook the rice with lots of excess water until the rice is half cooked. Drain. Mix ½ teaspoonful of saffron, to the warm milk and let it stand.

ing point. Pour over the rice and cover immediately.

Place a metal ring between the pot and the range. If a cast-iron pan or *tava* is available, put that on the range and place this pot on it.

Turn up the heat until the steam starts to escape from the edges of the lid (approx. 15 minutes).

Turn down the heat to low and allow the flavor of the meat curry to steam up and seep into the rice and cook it (approximately one hour). Serve with *raita* (see below).

Raita mint and onion

Ingredients:

- 2 pints fresh thick curd
- 3 medium-sized onions (finely sliced)
- 3 tablespoonfuls of coarsely chopped mint
- 1 teaspoonful chilli powder (optional)
- ½ teaspoonfuls salt (according to taste)

Method:

Beat the curd and mix salt and chillies. Then mix finely chopped onions and chopped mint and mix all well with a spoon.

Raita is always served cold, and goes well with *biryani*.

Koftas (Meat Balls)

Ingredients:

- 400 grams fine minced meat (lean)
- 1 medium-sized onion
- 1 medium-sized sweet pepper (optional)
- 2 tablespoonfuls broken *dhania* (coriander leaves) or fresh mint
- Some oil or butter for frying
- 2 teaspoonfuls salt
- 1 teaspoonful *garam - masala*
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoonful chilli powder (optional)

Mince the onions, sweet peppers, herbs and garlic together, then mix these in the minced meat. Add salt, *garam - masala* and chilli powder. Knead this mixture until it becomes a stiff smooth dough. Divide into walnut-sized balls, dip into the well-beaten egg and fry slowly in the deep, hot oil or butter.

Kofta curry

Koftas can be served as they are at tea-time with some fresh mint chutney, or they can be curried in the following way:

- 1 medium-sized onion
- 200 gram tomatoes
- 1 tablespoonful set butter-fat
- 1 tablespoonful stale curd or lemon juice
- 1 teaspoonful salt
- 1 teaspoonful turmeric
- ½ teaspoonful *garam - masala*
- 1 teaspoonful hot water

A little chopped ginger and chilli powder (optional)

Using a saucepan, fry the minced or chopped onions and ginger in the butter fat; add turmeric, salt, *garam - masala* and chilli powder. Allow to sizzle for a few minutes, then add sliced tomatoes and the curd. Fry well, then put in the *koftas*.

After stirring for 5 minutes, pour in the hot water. Let the curry simmer for 15 minutes and then it should be ready to serve with savoury *biryani* and *raita*.

Chicken koftas can be made the same way. Cold cooked meat can also be used instead of fresh meat.

Koftas are usually taken with wheat bread or *naan* as they call it in Pakistan or Iran.

The image of middle age

By Katharine Whitehorn

much else, the men are mainly out of date with what's been happening to women. "A hundred years ago women were old and worn out at 40... men's fantasies haven't kept up with the new historical realities," which may be true. Yet there were plenty of indomitable women in the 19th century, of the Hester Stanhope, George Eliot or Florence Nightingale type.

They had status; they had clout; they were interesting. Which is what, of course, the men exploit; when they have their "middle-aged dread." The balding tycoon may think his dolly bird proves him still attractive, but it isn't actually his pretty little paunch that pulls them; it's the mesmeric attraction of power.

My own theory is that there's part of every man which resents the great big bossy woman that once made him eat up his spinach and wash behind the ears. Only the golden attraction of a young girl can make him forget; once that's faded, the primal resentment returns.

But it's no good just blaming men for their unreconstructed attitude. We do it to one another too — we down-value one another at exactly the moment when most women are wondering what on earth they are for, now their nesting years are over. Oh, it's all right if you've got a job! — they'll talk to a local councilor or a doctor, they don't think of Nancy Reagan or Margaret Thatcher as a burnt-out case; but what good is that to ordinary Mrs. Thing whose hair is gray, whose hips are spread and who cannot be enticed by a handsome prince and turn back into Dustin Hoffman, film star?

We all derive from being the star to the supporting part; we no longer sing the young soprano, we are condemned to the alto; it is a hard knock for all of us. Perhaps we need even more maturity to handle it, like my Great Aunt Carrie, who sang chords. "My dear, I have sung them all," she said. "Soprano, alto bass. Now I sing them all — I sing chords." Just wish we had a social set-up where there was less risk of taking your chords to a party, and nobody asking you to sing.

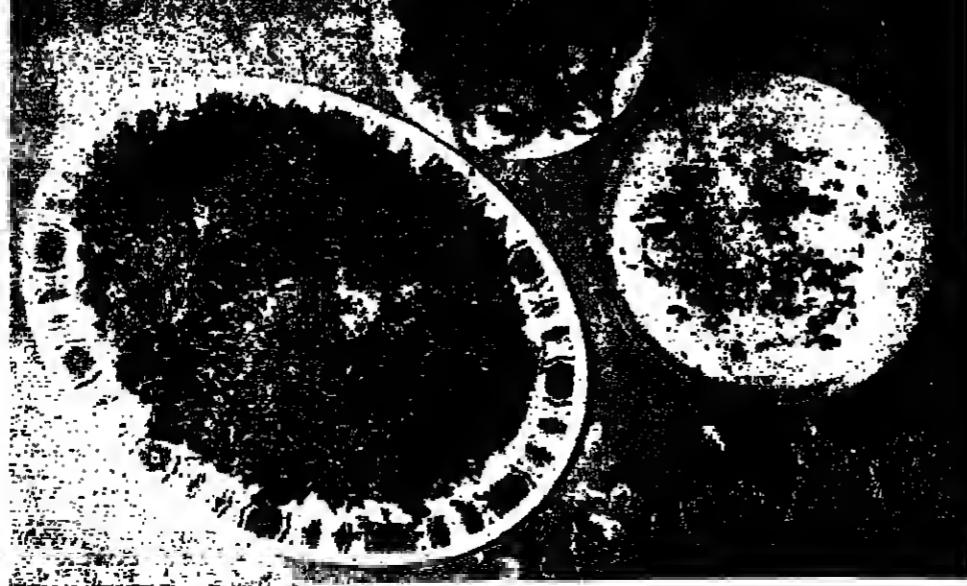
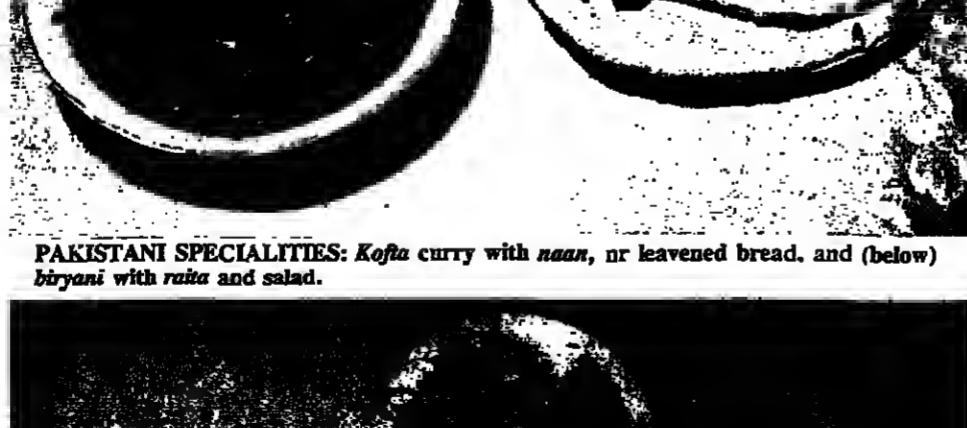
Divorce rate up among Japanese

TOKYO (LOS) — Divorce was easy in Japan 100 years ago. A cut three-and-a-half-inch note from husband to wife, the infamous *mukodori - han*, was all that was needed to throw her out to the streets. Japan then had one of the highest divorce rates in the world. Not until arbitrary divorces were banned in the 1947 constitution did Japanese wives have more security.

Now the tide has turned again and the divorce rate is approaching European levels. Last year there were 163,000 divorces, one for every five new marriages. Although Japan still has one of the lowest divorce rates in the world, more and more marriages are hitting

the rocks. There are several obvious reasons. Smaller families make for easier separation, and romantic young people who marry for love discover that such relationships tend to be less enduring than traditional *o - nise* marriages arranged by a respected go-between.

The demand for divorces has led one enterprising business man to capitalize on the need for a professional divorce brokerage — a go-between service to help couples untie the knot or, more usually, to rescue the marriage. In the year or so since Toyakei Teijima opened the Pan Asian Center in Tokyo, 235 members have each paid \$200 a year to talk things over with Teijima and his staff.

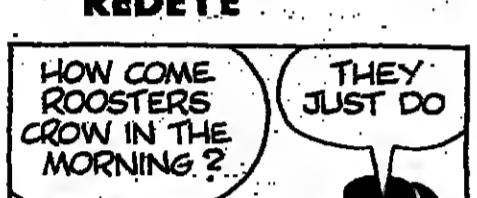


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Your Individual Horoscope

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FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1983



ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Despite some early morning frustrations, the picture brightens in the afternoon. A friend has some very helpful advice.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

You're on the right track regarding a career endeavor, even though a partner raises objections. However, things will go your way.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

A close tie proves to be your best adviser. A work problem is not as hard to solve as you imagine. Be patient.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Expenses may escalate in connection with dependents, but job opportunities now bring the promise of financial profits.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

A relative proves difficult to please, but you'll have happy times in the company of a romantic interest. Plan to celebrate.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

The optimism of a family member rubs off on you and you'll overcome a tendency to worry in the morning. Talks

with family are fruitful.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Worry about money may inhibit your partner mood, but you should accept invitations for fun times. Romance is likely.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

"Brubaker" star

19 Motorist's aid

20 Love

(Scot.)

21 Boundary

22 — over (studied).

25 Fundamental

26 Summit

27 Needlefish

28 Cover

29 Exploded

33 Branding

35 Candidate (sl.)

36 Relaxing

37 Evil

38 Chemical salt

39 "Bus Stop"

dramatist

40 Rail bird

41 Forest creature

DOWN

1 Grovel

2 Unforgotten

(Feb. 19 to Feb. 28)

Higher-ups are preoccupied and seem indifferent, but socially, your star is on the rise. Fun times are indicated.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

It's not a good time to consult with advisers. Do further work on your own on pet projects. Career developments are favorable.

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TV Programs

Saudi Arabia

8:30 Openings, Quran
— Talk
— Caravans
— Open Sesame
— Family Interview
— Mystery
— Religious Program
— Quran
— Friday Noon Prayers Live
— The Companions of My
— Quran
— News Wa Hidaya
— Events in a Week
— Children's Series (Dubbed)

— Arabic Series
— Children's Program

6:30 Un kommt World

— Sheikh Sharawi

7:00 English News

7:15 Kite Flying and Field

— Football World Series Song

9:30 Arabic News

— Program Review

— Songs

— Variety Songs

— Sports

— Weekly Islamic Series

— News Summary

— Closeouts

Dhahran

1:00 NBA Basketball 70,

Ira Vs Sans

2:30 P.M. Bowlers Tour 2

3:45 Children's Show

Cartoon

Bahrain Channel 4

4:00 Quran
— Religious Talk
— Program Preview

5:30 Bahraini Collection

Super Scents Part 11

7:05 How to Harm/Harm

Line and Stalker

7:50 How to Harm/Born/

Ep. 4. Born/Eaten

8:27 Movie of the Week

French Connection 11

10:00 News

Bahrain Channel 33

4:00 Quran

— Religious Talk

— Program Preview

— Children's Series

— Arabic Film/Play

6:00 Health Program

7:00 Daily Arabic Series

8:00 Arabic News

— Program Review

— Events of the Week

10:00 Feature Film

11:30 B.W. Arabic Feature Film

12:10 Closedown

Dubai Channel 33

3:00 Holy Quran

— Children

3:40 Cade Red

4:20 B.W. Feature Film

5:30 World News

6:00 Leadership Ten-

— Old Gloves (Boxing)

6:40 The Two of Us

7:10 Fans

7:30 Local News

8:00 Your Life

9:30 The Associates

10:00 World News

11:30 New Programs

12:00 Feature Film (linked

12:10 Closedown)

Bahrain Channel 55

6:00 Program Preview

6:15 Take Hart

6:30 Sally Smart's Circus

7:00 Movie About Us

8:45 Hawaii Five-O

9:45 Magnum, followed by

New Discovery

10:00 Feature Film

11:00 Feature Film

12:10 Closedown

Dubai Channel 10

2:00 Holy Quran

— Religious Talk

— Children

3:00 Quran

— Religious Talk

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4:00 Quran

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Will reinforce Atlantic alliance

New U.S. spy plane to be based in U.K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP) — A new high-altitude U.S. spy plane is due in Britain Friday, the first of 18 TR-1 planes slated there to reinforce Atlantic alliance surveillance of Eastern bloc countries, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said Wednesday.

"The TR-1 is a tactical reconnaissance aircraft designed to provide information to battlefield commanders," said the spokesman, who requested anonymity. He said the plane carried an advanced electronic package capable of collecting information "far beyond enemy lines" without flying over enemy territory. It will give the United States and its Atlantic allies greater ability to keep tabs on Warsaw Pact nations, he said.

The TR-1 will be based at Alconbury Air Base in Cambridgeshire, a base shared by the U.S. and royal Air Forces. It will be the first TR-1 based abroad since the plane came off the Lockheed aircraft assembly line in

On Afghanistan, Kampuchea

China blasts Russian bid to stifle nonaligned debate

PEKING, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — China Thursday accused the Soviet Union of seeking to stifle discussion on Afghanistan and Kampuchea at next month's summit of nonaligned nations in New Delhi.

The official New China News Agency (NCNA) said a recent article in the Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* argued that the summit should not take up the two issues. Otherwise, NCNA quoted *Pravda* as saying, the conference's attention would be focused on "individual and deliberately exaggerated questions instead of basic strategic tasks."

The Chinese commentary said: "The Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan and its backing for Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea have not only violated these two

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California in July 1981. The TR-1 is larger and heavier than its predecessor, the U-2 spy plane in service since 1955.

The TR-1 has been stationed at Beale air base in California, base for Strategic Air Command (SAC) spy planes, including the SR-71 used for surveillance over Cuba and Korea. Powered by a single Pratt and Whitney jet engine, the TR-1 combines characteristics of a jet and a glider. It cruises at 700 kph an hour at an altitude of 27,000 meters and has an estimated range of more than 5,000 kph, although the exact range is classified.

The TR-1 is 19 meters long with a 31-meter wing span. It is rated for all weather, day-and-night operation. Flying along the border between East and West Germany, the plane could detect any usual concentration of Eastern bloc forces, the U.S. Defense Department has said.

On Afghanistan, Kampuchea

countries' sovereignty, national independence and nonaligned status but also undermined the security and stability of the Asian and Pacific region." This is by no means what Moscow has called "an individual and deliberately exaggerated question," NCNA said. "Moscow's endeavor to prevent the summit from discussing these problems showed its fear of being condemned at the summit."

It also shows its stubbornness to cling to its policy of aggression and expansion in defiance of the just demand of the nonaligned countries," the commentary added.

Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang told foreign newsmen here last week that the Kremlin would have to make further efforts if there was to be progress at the talks.

MX panel deadline extended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP) — The deadline for a U.S. presidential commission to come up with another home for the MX missile has been extended a month because the panel is unable to agree on a basing plan that Congress is likely to accept.

"The program has been in difficulty, is in difficulty," Brent Scowcroft, head of the commission on strategic forces, said Wednesday at the White House. "What we are trying to do is arrive at a solution which will achieve the kind of acceptability of the leadership of the government in both houses (of Congress) that will enable our strategic program."

Asserts loyalty to friends

Walesa goes to prosecutor's office

WARSAW, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — Vowing to give no evidence against his friends, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa entered the office of the Polish military prosecutor Thursday to testify in the case of five union advisers charged with sedition.

Accompanied by his lawyer, driver and bodyguard, Walesa appeared outside the downtown prosecutor's office while about 24 Western journalists and their Polish assistants looked on. "I will never testify against my friends," Walesa said as he entered the building, which is closed to Westerners.

The five advisers — Jacek Kuron and four other members of the committee for social self-defense — were arrested after the December 1981 declaration of martial law. Kuron, a former member of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) Party, is a dissident long active in the movement for work-

12 killed in violence

Indira starts Assam poll campaign

NEW DELHI, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi hit the campaign trail Thursday, addressing a meeting in Goalpara, upper Assam, amid tight

Insurance firm may help UPI

LOS ANGELES, California, Feb. 10 (AP) — United Press International's managing director says a major insurance company has tentatively agreed to lend the news agency money as UPI works to raise more than \$10 million. *The Los Angeles Times* reported Thursday.

Douglas F. Ruhe, a partner in Media News Corp., which owns the American news agency, would not reveal the name of the insurance company. Ruhe also told the newspaper that "a number of parties" are interested in either lending UPI money or buying into the operation to provide new capital. The company hopes to line up between \$10 million and \$20 million, Ruhe said. UPI is also moving to cut costs by dismissing administrative employees, the news agency's new chairman, John Jay Hooker Jr., said Wednesday.

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AMSTERDAM BLAST: Experts are looking for the remains of a bomb after an explosion in front of the French consulate in Amsterdam Wednesday night. No one has claimed responsibility for the blast. On Monday, two bomb explosions badly damaged the French Embassy and Air France office in Brussels.

For sudden expulsions

West African states assail Nigeria

LOME, Togo, Feb. 10 (Agencies) — The heads of state of five French-speaking west African states have criticized Nigeria for the regional crisis it caused by expelling up to two million illegal aliens at short notice.

The presidents of Togo, Benin, Niger, Upper Volta and Ivory Coast said in a statement that Nigeria could have warned them of the deportation order to give them time to prepare for the sudden arrival of their citizens.

The presidents, members of a five-nation Entente Council, made the statement at the end of a two-day summit held in Togo to discuss the effects of the mass expulsions.

The statement said: "With the scope of the consequences of these expulsions, they (the presidents) deemed that African fraternity and solidarity could have prevailed so that the African states concerned be informed in advance to allow them to organize a reception for their nationals."

They also sent their chairman, President Mathieu Kerekou of Benin, to Lagos for talks with Nigerian head of state Shehu Shagari, and Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny announced that the

council had allocated \$1.4 million as aid for security officials started searches for unskilled illegal immigrants who stayed after the deadline. The statement from the Entente Council, although phrased diplomatically, was bluntest criticism governments in the region have so far made of the Nigerian decision.

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The arrests were the first reported since the beginning of this month when government

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A court spokesman said that the court is not considering an injunction and is holding to the planned date of Feb. 16 for its ruling on appeals last month by four parliamentary deputies against President Karl Carstens' dissolution of parliament. A provincial newspaper, *The Mecklenburgische Zeitung*, had quoted sources close to one of the deputies, Thursday, saying the court had decided on an injunction.

The paper also quoted unnamed officials in Carstens' office as saying it understood the court had voted by a 5-3 majority to uphold the elections. Contradictory reports about the court's verdict, to be announced next Wednesday, have swept Bonn in the last two days. The West German mark has been strengthened on foreign exchange markets by rumors that the elections may not after all take place.

The four deputies said in their appeal, which the court heard on Jan. 25, that despite losing a contrived vote of confidence in December in order to hold elections, Conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl in fact continued to enjoy a comfortable majority in parliament.

Last Friday, identical bottles were found in a university residence, but by this time students on their guard handed the "gift" to police. Laboratory tests showed the bottles, of orange juice, had been poisoned.

German poisoner spreads panic

WURZBURG, West Germany, Feb. 10 (AFP) — A mysterious poisoner has spread growing panic on the university campus of this Bavarian town following the death of a medical student who took a drink that had been laced with rat poison.

The poisoner first struck a week ago, leaving 15 bottles of thallium-laced orange juice outside a lecture hall, from which the medical student drank. Eleven students have also been taken ill in three separate incidents.

As a result, the majority of the 13,000 students have deserted the university restaurant — those who still use it avoiding salt, pepper and sugar, and eating only packaged food.

In the restaurant, drinks normally placed on trays are now delivered only on request, and vigilantes have begun a regular watch in the kitchens.

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no success, and a reward offered for information which could help enquiries has been increased from \$4,500 to \$6,000.

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